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**HB 38 – “An Act relating to the invasion of privacy of another.”**

Recent advances in technology have made Alaskans’ cherished constitutional right to privacy more difficult than ever to maintain. Sophisticated listening devices, cameras, and video equipment can successfully record the actions and sounds of even the most conscientiously private person. This offends private citizens and threatens the economic prosperity of businesses that work with proprietary or confidential information.

House Bill 38 allows the victim of an unwanted intrusion to take action against an intruder by making the intruder responsible for his or her actions. Responsibility is limited to situations where the unwanted intrusion occurs in a private place out of public view. In this age of increasingly sophisticated technology, Alaskans should feel comfortable that confidences maintained in their homes and businesses will remain free from prying eyes and ears.

In the spirit of fiscal responsibility, this legislation requires no additional government agencies, employees, or actions. It places responsibility and protection in the hands of those best able to utilize them – private citizens and businesses.

I would appreciate your support of this legislation.