



# Representative Andy Josephson

District 17: Midtown, University, & East Anchorage

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## *Josephson's Journal*

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

While remaining deeply engaged in the big, lynchpin issues that the legislature must settle before adjourning, in recent weeks I've also managed to advance measures that I've been championing. Those include:

### HCR 23 – Protecting Wildlife

The Senate and House both passed my resolution that calls for a vigorous response to increasing threats to Alaska's wildlife from foreign pathogens, infectious diseases and nonendemic parasites.



*Rep. Josephson speaking with Rep. Stutes on the Floor*

This spring, the Department of Fish and Game detected the M.ovi pathogen in Alaska's wild goats and Dall's sheep.

When this bacteria appears in wild sheep, goat, and musk-ox populations, it can be fatal. Spread of M.ovi in the Lower 48 has resulted in severe population decreases.

My resolution is a call to action to address this threat, as well as similar threats that may occur in the future.

## HB 322 – Updating Oil Spill Penalties

Last Friday, the House voted to give the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) sharper tools to prevent and respond to oil spills. The bill adjusts civil penalties—some of them as much as 42 years old—to today’s dollars; it creates new administrative penalties that DEC can impose more easily than civil penalties; it adjusts penalties per inflation every decade; and it requires some trucks carrying crude oil to give DEC any spill response plan they submit to the feds—and abide by that plan.

HB 322 was a House Resources Committee bill, but I authored it, shepherded it through two committees and defended it on the House Floor, where it passed 22-16. It’s now in the Senate for consideration.



## SB 155 – Supporting Real Estate Businesses

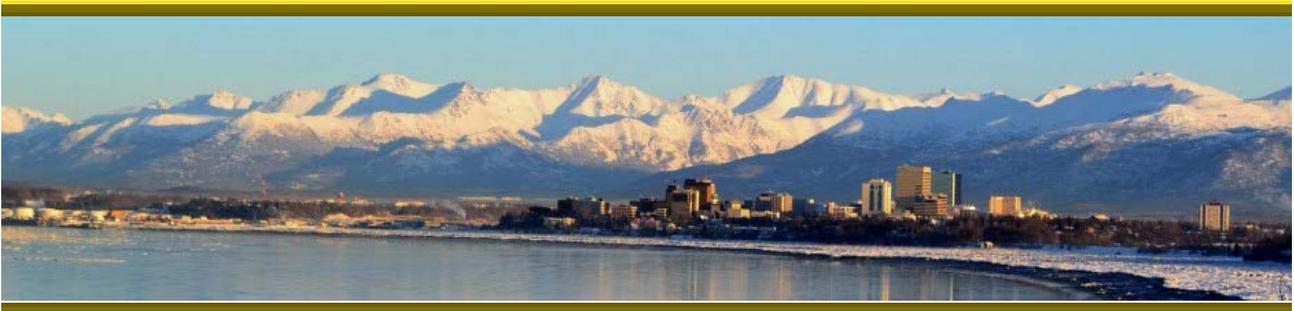
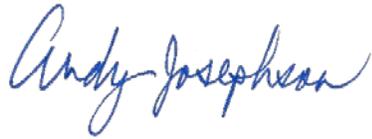
To help avoid confusion and collusion in real estate transactions, I sponsored a bill this year to regulate appraisal management companies (AMCs). Buying or selling property is a complex undertaking, and an occasional bad actor slips into the process. Shady mortgages contributed heavily to America’s 2008 recession.

Well-regulated AMCs protect consumers and promote business. The Senate counterpart to my AMC bill, SB 155, moved faster and eventually passed both chambers, after I carried it on the House Floor.

## Working Hard for District 17

We continue to hear and move legislation here at the capital, and there is still a bustle in the building. However, I am never too busy to hear from you, my constituents. Don't hesitate to reach out to my office, I'd be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,



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