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Representative Jay Ramras  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 118  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 298 - relating to  
sexual assault and domestic violence

Dear Chairman Ramras:

I am writing to respectfully request that you schedule House Bill 298 for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee at your earliest convenience. HB 298 is one of several bills that the Governor has introduced to confront and help reduce the alarming and discouraging rate of sex offenses and crimes involving domestic violence in our state.

The bill makes important changes to several criminal laws. For example, it clarifies that accessing child pornography with the intent to view it is a crime. A recent court decision found that our statute requires more than viewing child pornography on a computer to be a crime under the current statute. The bill also requires a person to register as a sex offender in our state if required to do so in another state. Alaska should not be a friendly destination to persons hoping to avoid sex offender registration by moving to our state.

A sectional analysis is attached that describes each provision of the bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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