

## STATE OF ALASKA OFFICE OF VICTIMS' RIGHTS

March 25, 2010

Senator Fred Dyson Chuck Kopp, Chief of Staff Alaska State Legislature 120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3 Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Via Fax to (907) 465-4587 and First Class U.S. Mail

RE: Senate Bill Number 297 – "An Act providing for the release of certain property in the custody of a law enforcement agency to the owner under certain conditions."

Dear Mr. Kopp:

The Alaska Office of Victims' Rights endorses Senate Bill Number 297 entitled, "An Act providing for the release of certain property in the custody of a law enforcement agency to the owner under certain conditions."

The Alaska Office of Victims' Rights appreciated the opportunity to speak with you directly on March 24, 2010 regarding the proposed legislation. The Alaska Office of Victims' Rights views this legislation as providing an important mechanism for crime victims to seek return of property seized during the course of a criminal prosecution.

It is the understanding of the Alaska Office of Victims' Rights that Senate Bill Number 297 is also endorsed by the Alaska Peace Officers Association and the Alaska Department of Law.

Thank you for the opportunity to meaningfully comment on Senate Bill Number 297.

Respectfully submitted,

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