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The Honorable Carl Gatto, Chair House Judiciary Committee Alaska State Capitol, Room 118 Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 127 -- relating to stalking and child exploitation

## Dear Representative Gatto:

I am writing to request that you schedule House Bill 127 for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee at your earliest convenience. HB 127 is a bill that builds on and refines legislation adopted by the legislature in the past several years to address the serious problems of sexual exploitation and domestic violence.

The bill expands the crime of stalking to prohibit placing a person in fear of death or physical injury using technology such as global position devices or devices that invade, record or photograph events in private places like the home or office. It also addresses the issue of young people sending explicit images of themselves to others in a way that seeks to protect the young person.

A sectional analysis is attached that describes each provision of the bill. I expect Annie Carpeneti, Legislative Liaison from the Department of Law, Criminal Division and Sue Stancliff, Legislative Liaison from the Department of Public Safety to testify regarding this legislation. No teleconference sites are expected. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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