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Re: Choose Respect 2014 Legislative Report

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

Enclosed, please find the Choose Respect 2014 Legislative Report on the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DVSA) Initiative. The FY2014 operating budget, Ch. 14, SLA 2013 (CCSHB65), page 17, lines 18-21, included intent language requesting a report on the DVSA initiative through December 31, 2013.

This report is an important part of the administration's ongoing efforts to end the epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska and to provide information to the Legislature and the public on the results of these efforts. The initiative is a multi-agency effort and requires a comprehensive strategy including primary prevention and protective factors, reports of harm, utilization and access to services, and offender accountability. A significant effort has been made to acquire baseline data and track progress in key areas. The report provides an update on the initiative's progress.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen".

Karen J. Rehfeld
Director

Enclosures

cc: David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division