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Representative Kurt Olson, Chair Labor and Commerce Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 24 Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: Hearing Request re: HB 9 relating to secured transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code and to the regulation of funds transfers, including remittance transfers, under the Uniform Commercial Code and federal law

Dear Representative Olson:

The Department of Law would appreciate scheduling of the above bill for a hearing in your committee, at your earliest convenience, in order to keep our Uniform Commercial Code up-to-date. All states are required to adopt these changes by July 1, 2013. The changes are necessary to keep Alaska competitive with the states in facilitating commercial transactions.

We have reviewed the bill and have found no legal concerns.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Heather Brakes, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor Representative Max Gruenberg, Sponsor HB 9