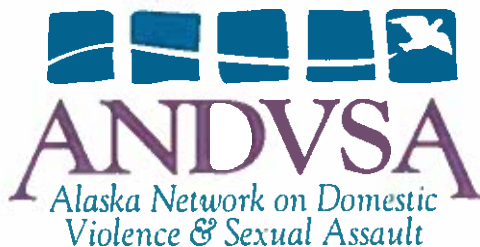


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Honorable Pete Kelly, Operating Budget Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 532  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB 266 - Operating Budget Testimony

Dear Senator Kelly:

On behalf of our 23 member programs and affiliates throughout Alaska that provide emergency transportation, intervention, sexual assault response, safety planning, legal advocacy, rural outreach, education and prevention to victims of crimes involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, we are writing to thank you for your support of the Governor's requested increments of \$287,500 for basic operating costs, and \$250,000 to provide services to children exposed to violence. We know that these are tough budget times and difficult decisions had to be made and we are very grateful for your support.

Many of our programs have already contacted their individual legislators to thank them personally for supporting DVSA program funding. Given the hundreds of Alaskans signed up to testify before the Senate Finance Committee, we wanted to be respectful and mindful of the committee's time and submit written comments.

Again, I thank the committee for supporting our programs that are an integral part of public safety in communities throughout Alaska.

Sincerely,

Peggy Brown, Executive Director

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