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Governor Bill Walker  
STATE OF ALASKA

January 18, 2016

The Honorable Mike Chenault  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to relocation assistance for federally assisted projects and programs.

The bill would allow an increase of the maximum relocation benefits available to a person or a business displaced by federally assisted projects and programs. Congress increased the maximum relocation benefits available under 42 U.S.C. 4601 - 4655 (Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970), which are payable to a person or business displaced by a federally assisted project or program. The bill proposes to provide these increased federal benefits to Alaskans and Alaska businesses.

Further, the bill would provide that a displaced person or business in the state would be retroactively eligible for an increased federal maximum benefit for relocation expenses incurred after October 1, 2014, which is when the increased maximum federal benefit became available.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker  
Governor

Enclosure