



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR BILL WALKER

Department of Law

P.O. Box 110300  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
Main: 907.465.3600  
Fax: 907.465.2520

February 1, 2017

The Honorable Charisse Millett  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Rm 404  
Juneau, AK 99801

*Re: Support for HB 24*

Dear Representative Millett:

The Department of Law would like to express its support for HB 24 which schedules U-47700 as a schedule IA controlled substance. HB 24 mirrors the actions that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration took in November of 2016 when it scheduled this substance as a schedule I controlled substance.

In recent months, the dangerousness of U-47700 has become evident. U-47700 is a synthetic opioid which has no known medical utility and is several times more potent than morphine or fentanyl. Its previously unregulated status allowed the public to purchase it in large quantities and states across the nation have seen numerous overdoses due to this substance.

Scheduling U-47700 as a schedule IA controlled substance in Alaska will allow state law enforcement to stop those who are distributing the drug, and assist the medical community in identifying those who may be struggling with addictions to these substances.

U-47700 poses a serious danger to all Alaskans. The Department of Law thanks you for introducing this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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

Jahna Lindemuth  
Attorney General