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Re: Letter of Support – Children Deserve a Loving Home Act

Dear Senator MacKinnon, Senator Hoffman, and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in support of HB 151. With record numbers of children and youth in foster care, high rates of caseworker turn-over, and the need for more relative foster homes, Alaska's families are in dire need of the support offered through this bill. We are heartened by the sponsor's statement that this bill helps the state of Alaska make real positive changes that will support youth and families, as well as the caseworkers who serve them.

ANDVSA member programs work tirelessly responding to families who are impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Creating safe and loving homes is a priority for us. We urge your support of HB 151 and believe it is a step in the right direction to send a clear message to young people: You deserve a safe, loving home. We are here to help. You are important.

Thank you,

Carmen Lowry, Executive Director  
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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