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The Honorable Kevin Meyer
State Senate
State Capitol, Rm 103
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for SB 20

Dear Senator Meyer:

The Department of Law would like to express its support for SB 20 which schedules U-47700 as a schedule IA controlled substance. SB 20 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 "JL", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Jahna Lindemuth
Attorney General