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The Honorable Click Bishop, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee Alaska State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Bert Stedman, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee Alaska State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801 The Honorable Kelly Merrick, Co-Chair House Finance Committee Alaska State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Neal Foster, Co-Chair House Finance Committee Alaska State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Rural Housing for Prosecutors

Dear Senator Bishop, Senator Stedman, Representative Merrick, and Representative Foster:

Thank you for encouraging conversations between the Department of Law and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to explore ways in which our two agencies can work together to address rural housing for prosecutors. We believe our conversations have been productive and, while there may not be a finance program currently available that will address the Department of Law's needs, we look forward to continued discussions, which may result in such a program in the future.

The Department of Law is committed to engaging in a collaborative relationship with the AHFC. Should the capital request for rural prosecutor housing be approved, the Department looks forward to opportunities to draw upon the expertise AHFC has developed in cost effective energy efficiency practices, techniques, and materials as the project moves to construction. Locating these much-needed housing units in Bethel, Kotzebue, and Utqiagvik demands that they be able to withstand some of the harshest climates in Alaska and we can think of no better resource to draw upon for best practices in cold weather construction than the AHFC.

Again, we would like to thank you for suggesting that our two agencies have some initial conversations about collaboration. Please let us know if you would like to speak with us further on this topic.

Sincerely,

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cc: Governor's Legislative Office