

# Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

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Alaska State Legislature  
Senate Finance Committee  
120 4th St  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 62

Dear Alaska Senate Finance Committee Members:

We are writing in support of HB 62.

As you know, Alaska has one of the highest rates of reported sexual assault in the nation.

HB 62 will improve our state's response to sexual assault, by enhancing the rights of those who survive this terrible crime; establishing clear timelines for health care providers, law enforcement, and lab personnel who handle and track sexual assault examination kits; and by codifying a tracking system where survivors can access the status of their kits and request automated updates on the process.

The crime of sexual assault is a devastating one, and our state's systemic response will be significantly improved by the passage of this bill. The timely processing and tracking of sexual assault kits will not only improve the chances of successful prosecution of offenders, but will also empower survivors who choose to take the brave step of reporting their sexual assault.

On behalf of those we serve here in the Aleutian Island region, and of all those impacted by sexual violence, we urge you to pass this important bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, USAFV