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Alaska State Legislature

Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

RE: Support for Senate Bill 249 – Virtual Currency Kiosk Regulation

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is **Donna Anthony**, and I am writing in support of **Senate Bill 249**, which addresses regulation and consumer protection related to virtual currency kiosks operating in Alaska.

I have **over 20 years of law enforcement experience**, including service as a police officer, investigator, and Chief of Police. Throughout my career I have worked closely with federal, state, and local agencies including the **DEA, U.S. Marshals, Homeland Security, ATF, and FBI** on criminal investigations involving fraud, drug trafficking, and organized criminal activity.

In recent years, law enforcement agencies across the country have seen a dramatic increase in **financial scams involving cryptocurrency kiosks and digital currency transfers**. Criminals frequently target vulnerable populations—particularly **seniors and rural residents**—by **directing victims to deposit large amounts of cash into cryptocurrency machines under the false belief that they are paying fines, taxes, or protecting their accounts**.

Once these funds are transferred through cryptocurrency networks, they are extremely difficult—if not impossible—to recover. This creates significant challenges for victims and for law enforcement attempting to investigate these crimes.

Senate Bill 249 provides important safeguards, including licensing requirements and consumer protections that will help ensure virtual currency kiosk operators are properly regulated and that Alaskans receive clear warnings about potential fraud. These measures will assist law enforcement in preventing scams and protecting citizens from financial exploitation.

Alaska communities, particularly in rural areas, deserve the same protections that many other states are now implementing as digital financial technologies expand. Establishing reasonable oversight and transparency for cryptocurrency kiosks is a practical and responsible step forward.

I appreciate the Legislature's work on this issue and respectfully encourage the committee to **support and advance Senate Bill 249**.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to protecting Alaska's citizens.

Respectfully,

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