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Chair Forrest Dunbar
Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Letter of Support for SB 247 – Generated Child Sexual Abuse Material

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee,

On behalf of the Alaska Children's Alliance (ACA) and Alaska's network of Child Advocacy Centers, I am writing to express our strong support for SB 247, sponsored by Senator Jesse Kiehl.

Alaska's Child Advocacy Centers serve children and families impacted by abuse and exploitation and work closely with law enforcement, child protection, medical providers, and prosecutors as multidisciplinary teams. These cases represent some of the most serious crimes against children, and strong, clear laws are essential to ensuring effective investigations and accountability.

SB 247 strengthens Alaska's legal framework addressing generated child sexual abuse material and helps ensure state and local law enforcement and prosecutors have the tools needed to respond effectively to emerging forms of exploitation. As technology evolves, it is critical that Alaska law keeps pace to protect children and support investigations.

The Alaska Children's Alliance respectfully urges the Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee to schedule a hearing and advance SB 247. This legislation represents an important step in protecting Alaska's children and supporting the professionals dedicated to their safety and healing.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued commitment to the safety and wellbeing of Alaska's children.

Sincerely,

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RE: Support for Senate Bill 247 – Generated Obscene Child Sex Abuse Material

Dear Senator Kiehl,

Alaska Children’s Trust offers our dedicated support for Senate Bill 247, which would criminalize AI-generated child sexual abuse material (CSAM). As the statewide lead organization focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect, we support policies that promote safety in our communities and protect children from exploitation and harm. Senate Bill 247 does this by updating state statute to better align with the current digital environment.

Senate Bill 247 expands Alaska’s criminal laws to include the creation, possession, and distribution of obscene CSAM generated using synthetic media, including AI. Generative AI technologies are increasingly being used to produce CSAM, creating photorealistic images and videos of child sexual abuse. Given the highly realistic nature of this material, AI-generated CSAM can strain law enforcement resources and impede the identification of real child victims. Generative AI technologies can also be used by perpetrators to modify existing CSAM, retraumatizing survivors, and helps produce “deepfake” CSAM from innocuous photographs of children, creating new victim

Alaska has one of the highest per-capita rates of child sexual abuse in the nation – 1 in 7 children will experience an allegation of child sexual abuse (CSA) before their 12th birthday. The U.S. Department of Health & Social Services reported a 168% increase in reports of child sexual abuse from 2009 to 2019 in Alaska. From 2013 to 2015, 13.7% of Alaska adults reported experiencing CSA. In 2020, 35% of Alaska women reported experiencing sexual abuse when they were a child. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported 67,000 AI-generated CSAM reports in all of 2024 and 485,000 in the first half of 2024 – a 624% increase. This final statistic alone demonstrates the urgency of this emerging issue.

Currently, 45 states have laws criminalizing AI-generated CSAM, with more than half of those laws enacted in 2024 alone. Senate Bill 247 would criminalize AI-generated CSAM in Alaska, protecting children and youth and holding the creators and consumers of these materials responsible for their actions. Criminalizing synthetically created CSAM supports safer communities and encourages accountable systems. Thank you for introducing this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJ Storrs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Trevor J. Storrs
President & CEO
Alaska Children’s Trust