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The Honorable Nellie Unangiq Jimmie  
Chair, House Public Safety Finance Subcommittee  
Alaska Capitol, Room 513  
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Follow-up for House Finance Subcommittee hearing February 4, 2025

Dear Representative Jimmie,

Thank you for inviting the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to the House Public Safety Finance Subcommittee on February 4, 2025. This letter completes the responses to the questions and requests for follow-up information from this hearing.

**Representative Holland requested more information about how the Department of Public Safety invests in recidivism programs.**

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) addresses recidivism through funding six community-based battering intervention programs and three prison-based battering intervention programs throughout the state. These programs offer programming from 26 to 52 weeks. Funding for these programs comes from the Restorative Justice Fund and a small amount of interagency receipts from the Department of Corrections. While additional programming is needed to expand access and impact, further funding would be required to increase the number of programs and the support they receive.

**Representative Himschoot requested information about the former Marine Vessel (M/V) Enforcer and its crew.**

The former large class vessel in Southeast Alaska was the Patrol Vessel (PV) Enforcer. The vessel was based in Juneau and had a permanent crew of three civilian (non-commissioned) personnel. This crew is responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of the vessel. The three positions consisted of a Boat Officer 4 (captain), Vessel Technician (engineer), and Boat Officer 1 (cook/crew member). While underway on patrol the vessel is additionally manned by a

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minimum of two commissioned Alaska Wildlife Troopers for enforcement functions. These two Troopers are not funded under the Marine Section, and are primarily filled from positions throughout Southeast Alaska, and at times other parts of the state.

When the vessel was decommissioned, the Vessel Technician and the Boat Officer 1 position became vacant. The Boat Officer 4 position has remained filled with the same employee as there is other sufficient work to maintain the position. The vacant Vessel Technician position was temporarily moved to Petersburg to provide engineering services throughout southeast Alaska and will be moved back to Juneau shortly before the new vessel is placed into service. Both of these positions assist in vessel operation and maintenance needs on the Kodiak based large class vessels and other medium class vessels in costal locations. These positions will also assist in the design of the new vessel and be present during parts of the build to familiarize themselves on the operating and engineering systems.

Rather than leaving the Boat Officer 1 position vacant during the vessel's construction, the decision was made to transfer it to the DPS Commissioner's Office to fulfill an existing departmental need. The department plans to assess crew staffing requirements for the new vessel over the next two to three years, following the completion of the design phase, and will request those positions as needed in the future.

Sincerely,

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