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Good morning, Committee Members,

I strongly support the confirmation of Stephen J. Cox as Attorney General.

Alaskans need an Attorney General who delivers results where it matters most: public safety and protecting everyday people. Mr. Cox's record shows exactly that.

In his time as acting Attorney General his coordinated approach to crime—launching joint efforts targeting retail theft, repeat offenders, and drug trafficking routes unique to Alaska has produced results. By aligning state, local, and federal resources, he is focusing enforcement on the small number of offenders causing disproportionate harm. That is smart policy.

At the same time, he has made consumer protection a real priority which is desperately needed in Alaska. His office secured major settlements with companies like Juul and Altria, took action against deceptive auto sales practices and harmful practices by the Chugach Electric Association, and addressed discrepancies of grocery prices - all actions that benefit Alaskans directly in a positive way.

Mr. Cox also understands that enforcement alone is not enough. His approach emphasizes coordination, accountability, and long-term outcomes—not temporary fixes.

Alaska needs an Attorney General who is both tough and thoughtful—focused on real impact, not headlines. Stephen J. Cox has already demonstrated that approach.

I respectfully urge you to confirm him.

Thank you.

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"The world needs men (and women) who will not be bought or sold. Men (and women) who in their inmost souls are true and honest. Men (and women) who do not fear to call sin by its right name. Men (and women) whose conscience is true to duty. Men (and women) who will stand for what is right though the heavens fall." Ellen Gould White (words in parenthesis added by myself)