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Governor Sean Parnell
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January 24, 2011

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault,

Together, we can better protect Alaska's children against abuse, exploitation, harm, and fear. To that end, and under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the crimes of stalking, online enticement of a minor, unlawful exploitation of a minor, endangering the welfare of a child, sending an explicit image of a minor, harassment, distribution of indecent material to minors, and misconduct involving confidential information and probation.

The bill would strengthen Alaska laws related to sexual exploitation of children and domestic violence. The bill prohibits the creation of indecent images of children, online enticement of a child, and using a computer to solicit or entice a minor to engage in sexual behavior.

The bill would expand the crime of stalking to include those acts of following or monitoring the victim with a global positioning device, and using or installing a device to record or photograph events in the victim's home, workplace, vehicle, or on the victim's telephone or computer. These changes are in response to technologies that stalkers have available to terrorize victims.

Also, the bill would prohibit graphic texting, commonly known as "sexting." Perpetrators would be punished for distributing a sexually explicit image of a child under 16 years old.

The bill clarifies that conduct by predators outside the state that harm victims in Alaska may be prosecuted in this state. The bill also clarifies that a child under 16 years old may not be left with an individual who must register as a child kidnapper.

Finally, the bill would clarify that a court may order active supervision for probationers who are on felony probation. Active supervision in particular cases enhances public safety by requiring close supervision of certain offenders. Active supervision could also be provided to certain misdemeanants in the discretion of the commissioner of corrections.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Governor

Enclosure