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Alaska Senate Finance Committee
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Dear Senate Finance Co-Chairs and Members,

We appreciate the efforts of the Governor and Legislature over the past few years surrounding the processing the backlog of sexual assault examination kits and the continued work towards policy changes that will assist in assuring backlogs do not occur and more transparency for survivors.

Senate Bill 69: Sexual Assault Examination Kits/Tracking is another important step forward in securing kits and getting them submitted to the crime lab in a timely manner. This legislation will also provide the ability for survivors to track their kit through the process and establish this as a right for victim/survivors.

The bill will codify a time frame for health care providers to notify law enforcement that the kit is available to be sent to the crime lab. It shortens the time for law enforcement to send the kit to the crime lab and reduces the amount of time the crime lab has to process the kit to four months.

The tracking system for kits has been in use for over a year, providing a way for survivors to be notified as the kit is moved through the system from the healthcare provider to law enforcement, to crime lab, to when results are in. This system is a critical resource for survivors.

The tracking system also provides important information to the justice system through the opportunity to monitor the flow of the kits in each part of the system which can help to identify any bottlenecks to ensure efficiency.

On behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives, we strongly encourage the passage of SB69 this session to ensure the tracking system for sexual assault kits will remain in place and efficiencies are continued. Survivors have already been put through pain, suffering and placed in high stress situations, anything we can do to support survivors should and must be done.

Gunalcheesh/Quyana/Mahsi/Thank you,

Benjamin Mallott
President