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I write in opposition to SB 127. As you all know, a great deal of study, reflection, time and energy went into SB 91 in an attempt to reform Alaska's criminal justice system in order to address the mounting costs of over-incarceration and recidivism. The money saved by reforming the justice system can be better invested in law enforcement and treatment options. We need to give SB 91 a chance to work before we scrap it in a knee-jerk response to an increase in crime that is not causally related to SB 91. People are aware of the passage of SB 91 and an increase in property crimes and assume that SB91 caused the increase in crime. There simply is no evidence of any correlation between the two. The lay person observation that the two are related reminds me of early civilizations believing that the sun rotates around the earth because they could clearly see the sun moving across the sky every day. The reality is that Alaska is experiencing a depressed economy and an opioid epidemic, both factors historically linked to an increase in crime.

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