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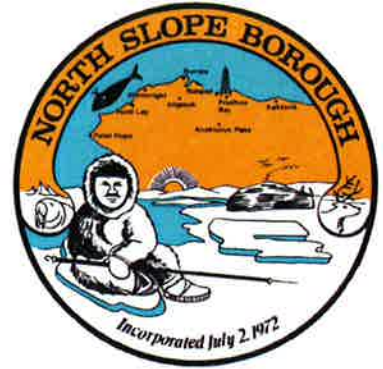
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Senator Anna Mackinnon,
State Capitol Room 516
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Dear Senator Anna Mackinnon,

I am writing in support of the reinvestment dollars in SB91 the criminal justice reform bill going toward DVSA prevention programs. We support keeping DVSA prevention dollars at the proposed \$2.5M amount. The latest Alaska Victimization Survey results [\[link\]](#) suggest there is a strong correlation between recent prevention efforts statewide and fewer reported instances of violence. This is something we should be doing more of if we are to reduce instances of DVSA in Alaska. Prevention works. The ANDVSA programs already direct a good portion of their grant support from the State toward prevention projects but we're nowhere near the level we need to be at. Please consider including prevention dollars in the reinvestment portion of SB91.

The bill sponsor has been supportive of our priorities as the bill made its way to Senate Finance. We are grateful that that this latest version of SB91 treats DVSA offenses differently than other violent and non-violent crime.

Thank you for your continued support.

Virginia C. Walsh

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