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The Honorable Bill Stoltze, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Stoltze:

Due to scheduling conflicts, I will be unable to attend the Senate State Affairs hearing on SB5001 in Wasilla, Alaska on July 13, 2016. As you are aware, the Department of Revenue has the lead position on the majority of the special session bills and staffing is already stretched thin due to the Senate's decision to hold hearings in Anchorage. That being said my staff and I will attempt to accommodate hearings and meetings outside of Juneau when possible, however this week's House Finance hearing schedule on multiple bills requires that I remain in Juneau. In addition Senate Finance has scheduled a hearing on SB5005 in the Anchorage LIO at the same time as the Senate State Affairs hearing in Wasilla.

For future reference, when there are conflicts in scheduling the following priority will dictate my availability. First priority will be given to hearings held in Juneau which is the call location for the special session and where the House is holding their hearings. Secondly I or staff will be available in Anchorage where the Senate has indicated they are holding their hearings and where select staff are already home based. Finally DOR will try to accommodate other statewide locations as travel and staffing allow.

I apologize for any inconvenience this might cause. We will provide a meeting packet and have staff with technical knowledge available telephonically for presenting the information and answering questions as needed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randall J. Hoffbeck".

Randall J. Hoffbeck, Commissioner