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The Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor
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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

As Tri-Chairs of the Senate Finance Committee, we respectfully request that any monies left in the appropriations contained in section 51 of CCS HB 53 (brf sup maj fld H) not be spent until clarification of the legality of the veto can be determined.

Please find the attached Legislative Legal Services memo outlining concerns with the veto, which in their view may go beyond the power granted by art. II, sec. 15 of the Alaska Constitution, including that the veto of section 51 effectively increases an amount otherwise reduced by the legislature.

We believe this is an important constitutional question and, in a spirit of cooperation, we request no further expenditure of the appropriations contained in section 51 until questions surrounding the veto can be resolved.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in blue ink, corresponding to the three senators listed below.

Senator Lyman Hoffman

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Senator Donny Olson

CC: Gary Stevens, Alaska Senate President
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