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The Honorable Lyman Hoffman Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee State Capitol, Room 518 Juneau, AK 99801 The Honorable Bert Stedman Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee State Capitol, Room 516 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Hoffman and Senator Stedman:

I respectfully request a hearing on SB 124 authorizing the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to apply for funding available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The bill amends the uncodified law of Alaska. Specifically, DOT&PF is directed to apply to for funds from the Departments of Homeland Security and Transportation.

The bill contains language directing DOT&PF to maximize the funding it applies for and receives.

I look forward to discussing this important piece of legislation with you and your committee.

Sincerely

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Commissioner

cc: Mary Siroky, Legislative Liaison

Frank Richards, Deputy Commissioner for Highways and Public Facilities