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Senator Donald Olson, Chair  
Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 514  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: An act relating to limitation on  
transporting alcohol to local option  
communities, minor consuming, and  
civil fines for licensees.

Dear Chairman Olson:

I am writing to respectfully request that you schedule the referenced bill for hearing in the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience. The bill builds on the recent alcohol enforcement efforts made by the legislature, by reducing the amount of alcohol a person may possess in or transport to a damp community before raising the presumption that the possession or transportation was for illegal sale of the alcohol. The bill makes conforming changes to the amount of alcohol that package stores may send to damp communities, and the penalties for bootlegging alcohol.

The bill also would impose civil penalties on a liquor licensee whose agents or employees are convicted of furnishing alcohol to a minor on the licensee's premises. For a first conviction, the ABC Board would send a warning letter to the licensee. For second and subsequent convictions, the Board would impose a civil fine of \$1,000. Most liquor licensees are very responsible in emphasizing the importance of refusing to sell alcohol to minors. For the few that are not, this would encourage them to stress the importance of the law to their employees and agents.

Last, the bill makes two corrections in legislation adopted last year. The legislation that changed the probation period for minor consuming had a minor error. Second, the legislation that adopted mandatory minimum penalties for bootlegging needs amendment to conform to the mandatory minimum penalties for drunk driving.

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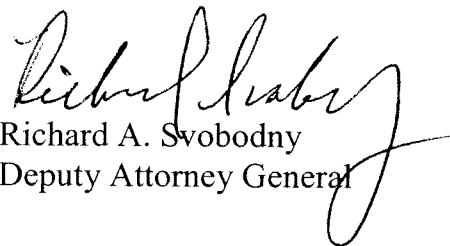
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In support of this bill we plan to have witnesses from the Division of Behavioral Health, the ABC Board, and a participant in the Rural Justice Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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