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Representative Jay Ramras
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 118
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 316 – relating to evidence retention
and post-conviction DNA testing

Dear Chairman Ramras:

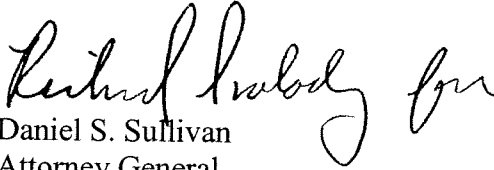
I am writing to respectfully request that you schedule House Bill 316 for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee at your earliest convenience. HB 316 is one of several bills that the Governor has introduced to confront and help reduce crime in our state, and to provide for evidence retention and post-conviction DNA testing.

The bill adopts standards for law enforcement agencies to retain evidence. This is important for later testing of the evidence for both cold case prosecution and for people who claim they were wrongfully convicted. The bill adopts standards for post-conviction DNA testing. The bill also makes drafting and other minor changes to the DNA identification system.

Attached is a sectional analysis that explains the bill in detail.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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