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Senator Hollis French
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 417
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Senate Bill 222 – relating to sexual offenses
and domestic violence

Dear Senator French:

I am writing to respectfully request that you schedule Senate Bill 222 for a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee at your earliest convenience. SB 222 is one of several bills that the Governor has introduced to confront and help reduce the alarming and discouraging rate of sex offenses and crimes involving domestic violence in our state.

The bill makes important changes to several criminal laws. For example, it clarifies that accessing child pornography with and intent to view it is a crime. A recent court decision found that our statute requires more than viewing child pornography on a computer to be a crime. The bill responds to this decision. The bill also requires a person to register as a sex offender in our state if they are required to do so in another state. Alaska should not be a friendly destination to persons hoping to avoid sex offender registration by moving to our state.

A sectional analysis is attached that describes each provision of the bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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