



City of Kodiak
KODIAK POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Police



February 12, 2010

Representative Cathy Munoz
Regional Affairs, Co-Chair
State Capitol, Room 409
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Youth Court Program

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The mission of the youth court programs in Alaska is to work in partnership with Alaskan communities and the formal juvenile justice system to develop and sustain innovative youth courts programs. Services offered by the programs in which youth are sentenced by their peers for minor delinquent status offenses and other problem behaviors frees state employees in the court system and the Juvenile Justice division.

The funding of the Youth Court program will serve the needs of Alaska citizens, state agencies, and law enforcement. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Finance Committee
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