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The Honorable Carl Gatto
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
State Capitol Room 118
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: House Bill 175 – relating to criminal procedures following an arrest

Dear Representative Gatto:

The Department of Law respectfully requests a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on HB 175, at your earliest convenience. HB 175 is a bill that makes important updates to the existing criminal process that occurs following a person's arrest.

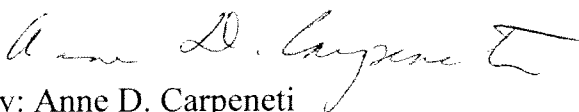
Last year the legislature adopted a major revision to the bail law in our state. One of the important revisions was to change from 24 to 48 hours the deadline for bringing a person who is arrested before a judicial officer. The change last year included the court rule change, but neglected to change the statute. HB 175 corrects this. The bill also corrects inconsistencies in the bail schedules and the statutes for several offenses, including operating a motor vehicle without possessing proof of insurance or possessing a driver's license, and for certain arson offenses.

A sectional analysis is attached that describes each section of the bill. I expect Annie Carpeneti, Legislative Liaison from the Department of Law, Criminal Division and Sue Stancliff, Legislative Liaison from the Department of Public Safety to testify regarding this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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