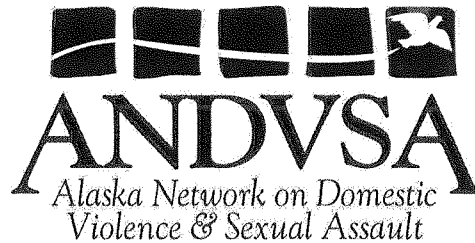


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The Honorable Representative Lindsey Holmes  
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Dear Representative Holmes,

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) is a statewide coalition of 23 victim service agencies and affiliates that provide direct services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We would like to thank you for hearing House Bill 273, "An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)". ANDVSA strongly supports the extension of CDVSA in the Department of Public Safety. The "Council" and the "Network" have a long history of collaboratively working together. Over the last thirty years, we have worked together to coordinate services to victims of crimes involving domestic and sexual violence; to provide tribal forums, trainings and conference workshops to law enforcement, judicial and medical professionals, tribal organizations, public health professionals and community members.

Since the Governor's Initiative began in 2009, we have collaborated on grants, projects, marches, media campaigns, policies, several primary prevention strategies and overall systems change. Under the active and knowledgeable leadership of former Commissioner Masters and Executive Director, Lauree Morton, the CDVSA has steadily enhanced their coordination, consulting and outreach to state, non-profit and tribal entities.

We have a tremendous amount of work still ahead of us, and CDVSA is an invaluable partner in that effort and provides an invaluable service to the general public in communities throughout Alaska. Please extend the sunset for the CDVSA.

Sincerely,

Peggy Brown  
Executive Director

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