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Senator Dennis Egan
State Capitol, Room 9
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Representative Cathy Munoz
State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for Senate Bill 66

Dear Senator Egan and Representative Munoz:

The City and Borough of Juneau believes the current definition of an imitation controlled substance is too restrictive. If Senate Bill 66 is approved, it will aid law enforcement officers by removing a current loophole in Alaska which benefits those who traffic in illegal controlled substances.

The CBJ supports the passage of SB66; and does not believe it would infringe on citizens constitutional rights. Most states in the U.S. already use a definition of imitation controlled substances that is less restrictive than Alaska's. Those states have not suffered successful constitutional challenges. This includes California, which, like Alaska, is under the jurisdiction of the 9th Circuit Court of the United States Court of Appeals.

Let's help law enforcement by passing SB66.

Sincerely,

Merrill Sanford
Mayor