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**Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182**

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) supports passage of Senate Bill 64 (the crime bill, sponsored by the Senate Judiciary Committee), and offers the following comments.

This legislation provides important new innovations to turn around Alaska recidivism rates, save money and make the state safer. CITC has been operating Chanlyut, a rehabilitation program for men recently released from prison, homelessness or substance abuse, for the past six years. Chanlyut is modeled on the successful Delancey Street program from California, and operates on the principle that learning a strong work ethic and responsibility for others is key to turning lives around, without the use of professional staff. Chanlyut is a 24/7 residential program located in Anchorage. Since the start of the program, CITC has saved the state millions of dollars by housing residents who otherwise would have been in a corrections facility, and has many success stories. Of the residents who have entered Chanlyut since January 2009, 70% have not reoffended after leaving the program. Key to the positive impact of the program is both the work component and complete responsibility each man has for the maintenance of the house and the program. Given CITC's experience, the opportunities offered in CSSB 64 (Jud) align with Chanlyut and its operations.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if CITC can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,


**Gloria O'Neill
President/CEO**