

Nine Star Education & Employment Services

"Developing Alaska's Workforce"

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The Office of Senator Coghill

RE: SB 64

Dear Senator Coghill:

Nine Star Education and Employment Services serves young men and women ages 14-24. Some of these participants and their custodial parents would be influenced positively by SB 64. Our staff have had significant success in working with students to develop employment opportunities as well as obtain high school diplomas. Kids who are negatively affected by other school or institutional environments discover their ability to succeed in our Youth Employment and High School Completion Program in addition to our Reading, Math, and Writing classes as well as our English as a Second Language Program.

Our corporation functions under IRS section 501(c)(3). We favor SB 64 and endorse it as a legitimate piece of legislation, which will positively affect our young clients and their parents. We bring to this deliberation the opinions of our twelve-person board of directors in addition to those who have assisted us with community support to pay for our academic and workplace placement delivery for the youth we serve.

Sincerely,

David S. Alexander

President