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To: Honorable Senator Gardner

From: Joseph H. Murray Chair Bering Strait Board of Education

Re: SB 184 - Jury Duty Exemption for Certain Teachers

Senator Gardner,

The Leadership of the Bering Strait School District (BSSD) supports the spirit of SB 184 - Jury Duty Exemption for Certain Teachers. It is our position that teachers in low or under performing schools need to be in the classroom teaching, not flying into a courthouse somewhere to sit through the Jury selection process, or if selected as a juror be absent from the classroom. The instructional time of teachers working in under performing schools needs to be protected and we see SB-184 being a mechanism for protecting teacher time on task in these under performing schools.

If I can be of further assistance in supporting this bill please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Mr. Joseph H. Murray

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