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The Honorable Pete Kelly
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The Honorable Kevin Meyer
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The Honorable Bill Stoltze
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Re: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Initiative
2013 Legislative Report

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

Enclosed, please find the 2013 Legislative Report on the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DVSA) Initiative. The FY2013 operating budget, Ch. 15, SLA 2012 (CCSHB284), page 16, lines 25-28, included intent language requesting a report on the DVSA initiative through December 31, 2012.

This report is an important part of the administration's ongoing efforts to eliminate domestic and sexual violence in Alaska and provide information to the Legislature and the public on the results of these efforts. The initiative requires a comprehensive strategy including primary prevention and protective factors, reports of harm, utilization and access to services, and offender accountability. A significant effort has been made to acquire baseline data and track progress in key areas. The report reflects the second year of this effort and establishes the framework to assess progress over time.

This is a multi-agency effort. Commissioners of the Departments of Health and Social Services, Public Safety, Law, Education, and Corrections form the administration's team and are available to respond to specific questions.

Sincerely,



Karen J. Rehfeld
Director

Enclosures

cc: David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division