



February 18, 2015

The Honorable Peter Micciche
State Capitol Room 514
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Support for Senate Bill 5 Restitution Orders

Dear Senator Micciche:

The Alaska Chamber supports Senate Bill 5 (SB 5), an act relating to loss of income and valuing property for orders of restitution.

The Alaska Chamber is an organization dedicated to improving the business environment in Alaska. The Chamber represents hundreds of businesses from Ketchikan to Barrow that share a common goal: to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business. We believe statutes and regulations in Alaska should provide a level playing field for the free market, and provide recourse against those who attempt to tilt the system.

Income to Alaska businesses supports thousands of Alaskan families; and loss of income to a business as the result of a crime should be considered in restitution orders. Presently, there is an inconsistency between restitution considerations administered by the courts and those considerations as a condition of probation. As seen in the 2013 ruling in *Lori Welsh v. State of Alaska*, this inconsistency can result in businesses affected by crime not receiving compensation for income lost due to that crime.

We support the State's efforts to coherently and consistently administer justice. On behalf of Alaska's business community, thank you for your efforts to assure Alaska's businesses are protected, and made whole when offended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachael Petro'.

Rachael Petro
President and CEO