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Good morning Mark. Senator Murkowski's office is happy to help legislative offices obtain information you need from the federal government to carry out the State's business. Since our conversation last evening I had an opportunity to look at the hearing documents considered by the State Affairs Committee, including information from the Department of Revenue and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The committee has also received input from the Department of Law. That information together with the Congressional Research Service report you received last evening should help to answer most of the questions on members' minds. If the committee requires a federal witness with respect to the Hague Convention and its impact on state child support laws, I suspect that the agency most likely to provide the witness is the Department of Health and Human Services through its Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). As an OCSE grant funded program, the Alaska Child Support Enforcement Division in the Department of Revenue might be the most appropriate office to make the ask. However, we would be happy to make an introduction if the committee asks us to, working in coordination with the Governor's Office, the Department of Revenue and the Department of Law. To make sure nobody is missing anything I still think it is a good idea to survey committee members, attempt to arrive at a finite list of questions and concerns and share them with our office and the State. Some of these questions may be easily answered by referring legislators to documents. Others may require human witnesses. If you think it is useful I would be glad to conduct a conference call with staff members of interested legislators to further brainstorm the issue. I recognize that it is late in the session and will commit whatever time you require of me to help work through the issue.

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