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The Honorable Mike Chenault  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to reporting of workplace injuries to the Division of Labor Standards and Safety (Division).

The bill would require an employer to promptly report to the Division accidents that result in an employee losing an eye or suffering an amputation. Employers are already required to report workplace accidents that result in fatalities and in-patient hospitalizations.

The bill is necessary to ensure that the State's occupational safety and health standards are in compliance with federal law. Additionally, the bill will help ensure that the Division is promptly notified of serious workplace accidents so that it may conduct investigations and prevent similar accidents.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker  
Governor

Enclosure