

**Celeste Novak**

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**From:** Rep. Geran Tarr  
**Subject:** FW: HB 31 - Support for rape kit reform

Rep. Tarr:

Natasha Alexenko and I are contacting you in support of your bill (HB 31) to establish a rape kit tracking system for Alaska, along with other rape kit reform. We'd love to speak with you some time to discuss your legislation and what additional support we can provide to you. Is there a time we might set up a call?

In the meantime, you may be interested in learning about the federal grant called SAFE-ITR (Sexual Assault Forensic Exam – Inventory, Tracking, Reporting) which can be used to establish rape kit tracking systems. Of course, state-based funding is always best, but...the federal grant could help with fiscal note considerations. The FY 2016 solicitation can be found at <https://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9088.pdf> -- the FY 2017 solicitation has not yet been released.

Thank you for introducing this very important legislation, and we look forward to speaking with you soon.

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