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Subject: Support Mr Clarkson for AG

I fully support Mr. Clarkson for Attorney General.

Despite the attacks from the Socialist left, Planned Parenthood and LGBT advocates, this isn't about emotion, this is about the US and Alaska Constitution, the law as written by the legislature and most importantly the rule of law and enforcement of that law. As has been stated or inferred by members of this legislature and the opposition public, this is not about Mr Clarkson's religious beliefs or his past work as a lawyer. In point of fact to do so violates Article Six of the US Constitution.

Article Six of the US Constitution states "The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States"

The opposition is calling for not passing for AG based on his religious belief. They are calling for violation of the above.

We need a person of strength who will stand for our State Constitution when lawsuits that attempt to impede what the Legislature has correctly passed and implemented are filed.

We also need an State AG that will work with the Alaska US Attorney General in prosecuting federal felonies instead of just at the state level, case in point. Federal firearms laws pertaining to felons possessing and using firearms in commission of a crime. The previous Alaska AG and the DA's did not do so and we now have criminals in our prison system that are costing us money and will be released in a short time under SB 91.

We need a State AG that, unlike in the past administration, will stand for the State Constitution and not special interest as in what happened in the case on land access to lakes outside of Valdez.

I opposed the prior Attorney General, in my opinion she did not support the law, and the Constitutions thus my concerns were born out.

I believe that Mr Clarkson will be that State AG that we Alaskans can be proud of and have faith that he will uphold the rule of law.

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