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The Honorable Bill Wielechowski Chair, Senate Finance DMVA Budget Subcommittee State Capitol Building, Room 9 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Wielechowski,

During DMVA's Senate Finance Subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, February 19th, Senator Revak requested additional information on user fees associated with the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) and State of Alaska Telecommunication System (SATS). Please see response below:

1. Request for additional details about user fees associated with ALMR and SATS: The three partners (State of Alaska, Department of Defense (DOD), and the Municipality of Anchorage) all pay their total costs, including infrastructure and user radios/consoles operations and maintenance. The local and non-DOD federal agencies all pay for their user radios/consoles operation and maintenance. The State of Alaska does send invoices to the non-DOD Federal agencies to collect some funds for their use of the system infrastructure. The total fees collected in FY20 were approximately \$200,000, which is an increase from approximately \$50,000 in prior fiscal years. The local agencies are not invoiced by the SOA for their use of the infrastructure and in some cases the State and local communities work together to provide services. For example, the State of Alaska may have equipment installed on local property to provide services, and in most cases the State is not charged by local communities for space, power, land, etc.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Richard

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