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Senator John Coghill  
State Capitol Room 103  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Coghill:

I understand that Samantha Cherot's confirmation hearing for the Alaska Public Defender position is scheduled to occur tomorrow before the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am writing to offer my strongest recommendation for Ms. Cherot.

I have known and worked with Ms. Cherot for the past ten years. Several of those years were spent with Ms. Cherot at the Alaska Public Defender Agency in Anchorage. Ms. Cherot is committed to the mission of the Agency, she is highly regarded by her colleagues, and she possesses tremendous leadership skills.

Ms. Cherot is gracious, well informed, and she has a unique ability to process and consider the perspective of others. She has the personality traits that will allow her to effectively advocate for the Public Defender Agency in years to come. She also possesses the ability to make difficult decisions, and I believe that she will lead the Agency with determination, focus, and an ability to instill change as required.

As Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, it is my hope that you will work to ensure Ms. Cherot's confirmation as Alaska Public Defender.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration, and thanks also for your service to the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

John P. Cashion

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