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Representative Ivy Spohnholz
State Capitol Room 421
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Spohnholz

The Alaska Public Employee's Association- Supervisor's Union (SU) is pleased to offer this letter of support for House Bill 133. One of the aims of this bill is to update the duties and authority of juvenile justice staff, some of whom are our members. Juvenile justice staff and the people they work with will benefit from having clarity in the statutes.

HB 133 also adds Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) staff to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect and clarifies that DJJ facility staff are in a position of authority over DJJ youth. Both of these important updates serve to protect the youth in Alaska and to hold the people accountable who abuse them.

The SU supports House Bill 133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Penner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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