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State of Alaska
Office of Boards and Commissions
550 West 7th Ave, Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept my application to serve on the State of Alaska Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

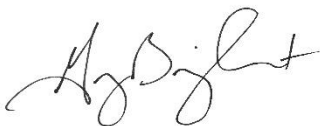
I believe that all Alaskans, if the opportunity is right, should consider serving on a State board or commission. Boards and commissions are a critically important part of our state government. They give Alaskans a formal voice on issues important to them and they are a prime example of an opportunity to help our fellow citizens.

My interest in serving on the Violent Crimes Compensation Board is rooted both in traumatic experiences that I endured in the past and also in my more recent work in public policy. In 1996, at the age of 14, I lost my mother to homicide in Fairbanks. She was a single mother and my primary caregiver. She was a caring, loving, well known and well liked individual throughout the community. Needless to say, this blow changed my life, and the lives of many others, forever. During this traumatic time I became a recipient of some violent crimes compensation. Having received these funds at a young age while undergoing a lot of challenges, the details of this funding are not particularly clear to me. But, thoughtfully, at that time these funds were put aside for me in a fund intended to help me go to college one day. To this day I credit these funds, and the foresight to put them aside for higher education, as one of the primary reasons I was empowered to start college. Had it not been for these funds, I do not know that I would have decided to pursue college as I had.

The event of losing my mother to homicide, and witnessing other traumatic events while growing up in Alaska, has led me to seek opportunities to help others when I can. My career choice of working in public policy is by way of believing that through policy and participation, I can find ways to help those experiencing challenges and trauma – and ideally help to prevent it. The opportunity to serve on the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, which “helps to foster victim advocacy and services and promotes victim recovery”, is a great example of how my experiences as a victim and experiences working in public policy can come together to serve the people of our state.

It would be an honor to serve on behalf of those who are victims and for the betterment of the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Greg D. Bringhurst