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The Honorable Senator Matt Claman
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 429
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Claman,

During the February 7th hearing on EO 135 - Alaska Safety Advisory Council (ASAC) - there was a statement made by Ms. Elaine Banda, Chief of Consultation and Training, that the EO created new statutory duties. To clarify, the EO transfers current statutory duties from the Council to the Department.

Currently, the primary activity of the ASAC is the planning of the annual Governor's Health and Safety Conference. The statutory duties to create and implement a health and safety plan for all Alaskans, including annual reporting to the Governor and to the members of the Alaska Legislature is not being fulfilled.

The Governor's Executive Order transfers these responsibilities to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD). It is estimated that two positions within the Department will be required to complete the safety planning and annual reporting, in addition to the annual safety conference. As reflected in the statement of cost document, prepared by the Office of Management and Budget in consultation with the DLWD, the State of Alaska is projecting a total cost of \$262.8 to assume the statutorily required scope of work.

I am very grateful for the hard work of current ASAC members, who have dedicated significant time to the annual conference to educate and to serve the health and safety needs of Alaskans. The Governor's Executive Order will increase government efficiencies and will allow more complete fulfillment of the statutory requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Muñoz".

Catherine Muñoz
Commissioner designee