From:

To: Sen. Forrest Dunbar; Senate Judiciary

Subject: Support for SB 104

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:15:39 AM

Dear Senator Dunbar and the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 104, and urging you to move forward with this important proposed legislation. I am a member of the ALSC board of directors, a volunteer and also a past staff member. In particular, I was the staff attorney tasked with re-establishing the Kenai ALSC office back in 2008. I cannot overemphasize the enormous need for civil legal services that exists on the Peninsula, nor the ongoing lack of resources to meet that need. There are so many people who need help with critical issues such as housing, domestic violence, and child custody here. So much of the work ALSC does addresses basic human rights and needs that impact all Alaskans. SB 104 would offer financial support that brings us closer to meeting that need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Leduc

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From: To:

Senate Judiciary; Sen. Gary Stevens

Subject: Support for SB 104, Civil Legal Services Fund Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023 10:07:21 AM

Good morning (March 23, 2023).

Approving amending AS 37.05.590 to provide 25% of court filing fees be allowed to assist low-income Alaskans with civil legal needs, moves toward improving low-income Alaskans' ability to procure civil legal services.

Of course, no one generally wants to have civil legal issues, but if circumstances warrant, access to professional legal services, regardless of whether or not you have the financial means, is critical to <u>all</u> Alaskans.

Regards, Karen Lambert

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