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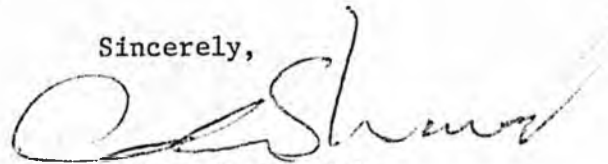
Honorable Bill Ray  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol - Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Ray:

House Bill 661 requested an FY 76 general fund appropriation of \$5,203,600 for salary and cost of living increases for executive branch employees including \$3,656,600 for the University of Alaska. This request was based on the assumption that the calendar 1975 CPI increase for Anchorage would exceed 14%. The actual increase for the year was 11.13% which reduces the amount required in the bill to \$3,526,100 of which \$2,477,800 is for the University of Alaska. I am requesting that House Bill 661 be ammended to reflect this reduced appropriation.

CSSB 499 is the enabling legislation for the salary increases for the executive branch and also contains the provisions for similar increases for the legislative and judicial branch employees. The current fiscal note for CSSB 499 indicates costs of \$6,092,200 for FY 76 and \$6,850,700 for FY 77. These should now be adjusted since the CPI for Anchorage is known. The new amounts are \$4,128,100 for FY 76 and \$4,656,500 for FY 77. A fiscal note indicating the adjustments is attached.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Warwick  
Commissioner

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attachments