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Senator Charlie Parr
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Dear Charlie:

RE: SB 324

I am writing in reference to the above mentioned bill. While we appreciate your response to an area of considerable concern for all probationary teachers the revision of 14.20.175(a) does not address a major problem area: reasons for termination.

The notice requirement in 14.20.140(a) is now much more reasonable. However, the latitude for any reason for non-retention continues to be a major problem and source of confrontation and litigation.

Hopefully, SB 324 can be modified in committee with a form more consistent with the suggestions in our draft which is enclosed.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robert Manners
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

C: NEA-Alaska Board of Directors
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Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Community &
Regional Affairs

1 IN THE SENATE

BY PARR, FISCHER AND STIMSON

2 SENATE BILL NO. 324

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to nonretention of teachers."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 14.20.140(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) If a teacher [WHO HAS ACQUIRED TENURE RIGHTS] is not to be
10 retained for the following school year, the employer shall notify the
11 teacher of the nonretention by writing, delivered before March 16, or
12 by registered mail postmarked before March 16.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 14.20.175(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

14 (a) A teacher who has not acquired tenure rights is subject to
15 nonretention for the school year following the expiration of the
16 teacher's contract, for any cause which the employer determines to be
17 adequate. The nonretained teacher shall be given a written statement
18 of the reasons for nonretention at the time of delivery of the notice
19 of nonretention under AS 14.20.140. The nonretained teacher may elect
20 to respond to the statement in writing or in person before the school
21 board at the first regularly scheduled meeting held more than 30 days
22 after the date of delivery of the notice of nonretention. A school
23 board shall provide a procedure, by regulation or bylaw, under which a
24 teacher may be heard by the school board in accordance with this sub-
25 section.

26 * Sec. 3. AS 14.20.140(b) is repealed.
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