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# Alaska State Legislature

## Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

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February 11, 2002

Senator Gene Therriault  
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee  
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Dear Senator Therriault:

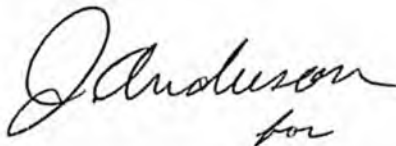
On behalf of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, I request your consideration of SCR 9, Approving the Open Meetings Guidelines proposed by the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

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Please contact Joyce Anderson at the committee office or me at 907-443-5226, if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Anderson" with "for" written below it.

Conner Thomas, Chair  
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Please contact Susie Barnett at the committee office or me at 907-452-1855, if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Cook for".

Dennis "Skip" Cook, Chair  
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics