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**Joanna Lewis**

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**From:** Mike Coons <mcoons@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Nancy Manly; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Wes Keller  
**Subject:** HJR 18 testimony

My name is Mike Coons from Palmer and speaking for myself.

I support HJR 18

I have a question on page 1 line 16 and page 2 line 1: "shall meet qualifications for Superior Court Judge." No person that has run for a judge will answer any question on criminal penalties, views on minimum or maximum sentences etc. The stated reason is "they may have to make a decision on that issue." Will we be reduced to candidates who campaign on how long they have been a judge, a lawyer, how long they have been in Alaska and their fine family?

We need to know if AG will stand for the law, will fight back against Federal over-reach and give sound advise to the legislature without waffling as I have seen with this existing Department of Law.

Lastly, I struggled about this position being appointed and vetted and approved or disapproved by the legislature. I felt that the Governor and Legislature were in a better position to determine the best AG. However, that view changed with comments from a Senator who believed he and the legislature were by a college education and superior knowledge on these matter, especially concerning a Constitutional Amendment were better suited to make that decision for the voters! I will trust my fellow voters to make a valued decision and I will NOT give up my vote!

Please pass out HJR 18.

Thank you.

Mike Coons  
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## Memorandum

**TO:** Representative Bob Lynn, Chairman  
House State Affairs Committee

**FROM:** Bill Stoltze 

**DATE:** January 27, 2014

**RE:** Hearing request for House Joint Resolution 18 - *"Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the office of attorney general."*

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I request that House Joint Resolution 18 be calendared for a hearing before the House State Affairs Committee at the earliest possible time. I appreciate your consideration of this resolution dealing with Amending the Constitution of the Alaska to allow for the election of an Attorney General.

Thank you for your consideration.

Contact my staff member Darrell Breese (465-4958) for additional information.