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Governor Sean Parnell
STATE OF ALASKA

May 21, 2013

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault,

On this date, I have signed with line item vetoes the following bill passed by the first session of the Twenty-Eighth Alaska State Legislature and am transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HCS CSSB 18(FIN) am H

“An Act making, amending, and repealing appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date.”

Chapter No. 16, SLA 2013

As passed by the Legislature, HCS CSSB 18(FIN) am H contains capital, supplemental, and operating appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014, totaling \$2.27 billion, including \$1 billion in unrestricted general funds. The capital budget will fund many important energy, transportation, and infrastructure projects across the state.

I am committed to a responsible budget that provides essential public services, makes strategic investments to grow our economy, and limits draws on budget reserves. Through line item veto, I have made changes in SB 18 for the following reasons:

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Section 15(a), Page 120, Line 27, is reduced from \$750,000 to \$50,000 for litigation costs associated with the Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery. A settlement of this case is in progress; therefore, the full amount requested is no longer needed.

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Section 41(i), Page 146, Line 30 through Page 147, Line 3, proposes to reappropriate \$4.5 million from the Hoonah berthing facility appropriation, made in Section 7, Chapter 5, FSSLA 2011, to the aquatic center at Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka. These funds should remain with the original community for the intended purpose rather than be redirected to another community and project.

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Working together, we were able to set a general fund spending target, focus on key priorities, significantly reduce spending from the current year, and establish a lower band of State spending over the next five years.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



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