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May 28, 2014

The Honorable Charlie Huggins President of the Senate Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 111 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Huggins,

On this date, I have signed the following bill passed by the second 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:

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Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Sean Parnell Governor

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