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The Honorable Anna MacKinnon
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The Honorable Lyman Hoffman
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The Honorable Paul Seaton
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
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The Honorable Neal Foster
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
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Re: FY 2019 Operating Budget Amendments HB 286/SB 144
FY 2019 Capital Budget Amendments HB 284/SB 142
FY2018 Supplemental Budget Amendments HB 321/SB 168

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

Enclosed, please find proposed amendments to the FY 2019 operating budget and FY 2019 capital budget. These amendments increase FY 2019 unrestricted general fund spending by \$12.7 million from the December 15, 2017 Governor's FY 2019 budget. FY2018 supplemental items are amended for a net reduction of \$7.0 million in unrestricted general fund authority for a total increase in UGF spending of \$5.7 million.

Noteworthy amendments include:

- A capital project to collect and analyze seismic data in the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) - \$4.8m AIDEA Dividend, \$5.2m UGF
- Reappropriation of an estimated \$0.9m for the enhancement of rural safety.
- Reappropriation of \$1.0m for Newtok - Mertarvik Community Development
- Two security initiatives to assure the safety of Children's Services social workers - \$0.2m UGF, \$0.1m Fed
- Positions to address the backlog in public assistance applications - \$2.2m UGF, \$2.2m Fed
- A cleanup of dormant funds and accounts, not used since 2012, returning \$6.4m into the general fund.

Thank you for your consideration of these budget amendments.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Pitney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Pat Pitney
Director

Enclosures

cc: David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division