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Governor Michael J. Dunleavy  
STATE OF ALASKA

March 16, 2020

The Honorable Cathy Giessel  
Senate President  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 111  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Giessel:

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

SCS CSHB 206(FIN)

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Chapter No. 2, SLA 2020

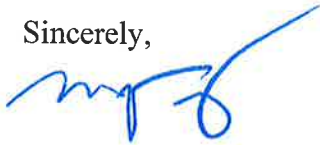
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In addition to covering the FY2021 Mental Health budget, this bill also contains critical supplemental authorization for FY2020 necessary to respond to COVID-19. After my vetoes, the

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Sincerely,



Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

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Governor Michael J. Dunleavy  
STATE OF ALASKA

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Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
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