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Governor Michael J. Dunleavy  
State Capitol, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Prior to release of the Office of Management and Budget's proposal, we are writing to request clarification on Donna Arduin's business interests. News reports indicate that Ms. Arduin developed budget proposals for other states, including to privatize prisons, that directly benefited companies (including the GEO Group and related firms) for which she worked as a lobbyist and as a corporate board member.

Ms. Arduin's POFD does not provide sufficient detail to ascertain whether her consulting firm Arduin Laffer Moore currently holds or recently held contracts with private prisons or private mental health hospital firms.

According to the Department of Corrections—whose budget is directly controlled by Ms. Arduin—the state is examining prison privatization. Although evidence from other states indicate prison privatization does not reduce costs, it does transfer wealth to firms such as those that retained Ms. Arduin to advocate for prison privatization in other states such as Florida and California.

Please provide additional details on Ms. Arduin's consulting clients currently and over the last three years, whether she acted as a lobbyist, consultant, board member, or served any other role for private prison and private mental health firms.

In these challenging fiscal circumstances, it is critical that legislators and the public have faith in the budgetary process.

Sincerely,

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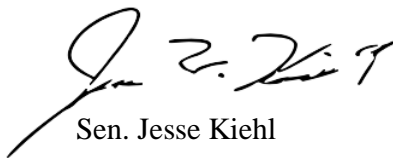
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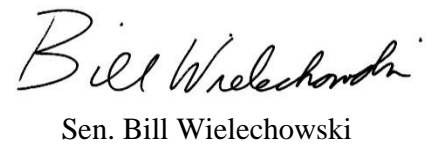
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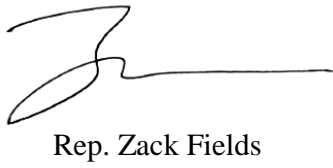
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