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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

June 28, 2016

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

Dear President Meyer:

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CCS HB 257

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Chapter 1, 4SSLA 2016
[Effective Date: See Chapter]

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