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Senator John Coghill
 State Capitol Room 119
 Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 54

Dear Senator Coghill:

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce represents nearly 400 businesses in Juneau and understands the high level of frustration that rapidly developed following the passage of Senate Bill 91 last year. On behalf of our board of directors and our membership, I wish to offer our support for Senate Bill 54 with the belief that it is critically important that this bill pass this year.

SB 54 addresses the need to provide the criminal justice system means to encourage violators to enter treatment to address the many issues driving them to violate our laws. More importantly, it addresses penalties for 4th degree theft, class A-Misdemeanors, and class C-Felonies.

Local businesses and residents are experiencing an unreasonable increase in theft as a direct result of the passage and interpretation of Senate Bill 91. We believe the changes in SB 54 will help deter misdemeanor crime and provide enforcement agencies the tools to help reduce criminal activity.

Sincerely yours,

Craig E. Dahl, Executive Director
 Juneau Chamber of Commerce

cc: Senator Dennis Egan
 Representative Sam Kito
 Representative Justin Parish