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

Dear President Therriault:

On this date I have signed the following bill passed by the second session of the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature. I am transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

Conference CS For House Bill 377

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 157, SLA 2004

The Legislature added nearly \$1.2 million in additional general funds to the mental health operating budget for a coordinated resources project in the Alaska Court System and added funds to the Behavioral Health and Home and Community Based Care programs in the Department of Health and Social Services. The Legislature funded all of the mental health capital projects put forward by the administration. I have signed the bill into law as passed by the Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Enclosure