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The Honorable John Harris
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Harris:

Today I am transmitting two supplemental appropriation bills for Fiscal Year 2006. The enclosed bill, sometimes referred to as the "fast track" supplemental bill, includes items that have particularly tight time requirements that are not accommodated by the usual passage of supplemental appropriations in May.

The "fast track" supplemental totals \$13.5 million in general funds. The bill contains general fund requests of \$4.5 million for the Department of Corrections, primarily for inmate health care costs, \$4.1 million for disaster relief efforts, and \$2.6 million for the payment of judgments and claims, saving approximately \$30,000 in interest by inclusion in the "fast track" supplemental and the bill's potential passage in early March.

In addition, we are requesting federal funds of \$30.1 million for transportation projects that are ready to go to bid for the upcoming construction season.

I ask that this legislation be considered on a "fast track" with final action in early March.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Enclosure