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Senator Stedman (via email to senator.bert.stedman@akleg.gov)

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins (via email to representative.jonathan.kreiss-tomkins@akleg.gov)

Dear Senator Stedman and Representative Kreiss-Tomkins,

The Petersburg Borough Assembly has been made aware the Alaska Department of Law has put forward a transfer of costs to Home Rule communities such as Petersburg for the prosecution of misdemeanors in the community. At this time, the Department of Law has not outlined the costs to the Borough, nor have they reached out to the communities affected by this transfer of costs to discuss alternatives to this action. In this time of fiscal challenges throughout the State, reallocating costs from one government to another is not solving the problem.

The Petersburg Borough is willing to work with the Department of Law on advocating for additional funding, new revenue sources and other ideas for solving this issue, but this is a regional issue. The Borough Assembly recommends the Department of Law open up a dialogue with all communities impacted by this change and stop the implementation of such until this dialogue can occur.

Thank you for your support of our community.

Mark Jensen
Mayor

Cc: Nils Andreasen, Alaska Municipal League
Robert Venables, SE Conference