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April 24, 2008

Annette Kreitzer, Commissioner
Department of Administration
State of Alaska
PO Box 110208
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Dear Commissioner Kreitzer,

I am writing regarding the service step provision that is contained in section 14 of SCS CSHB 417 (Fin) that passed the legislature on April 11, 2008 and was transmitted to the Governor.

I am requesting a meeting with you to discuss a Letter of Agreement to amend the July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 GGU collective bargaining agreement to make this provision available to all GGU members. Your letter to me of September 5, 2007 stated that "Should the Administrative Order 237 Working Group recommend and Governor Palin endorse a change which would impact the monetary terms in the contract soon to be before your member, I commit to you that we would seek to amend the contract to include and such change that affects your members". Section 14 of SCS CSHB 417 (Fin) meets the stated criteria.

I am formalizing my request for a meeting with you in this letter because of a lack of response or acknowledgement from you of my request for a meeting in my e-mail to you of April 14, 2008 and a telephone voice message I left for you on April 18, 2008. I have every confidence that you intend to fulfill your commitment that was contained in your letter of September 5, 2007 based on your willingness to meet with me on March 4, March 19, and March 26, 2008 to discuss this issue.

During our last meeting on March 26 I informed you that I disagreed with the approach that was being proposed by another union to amend HB 417 to have the Legislature direct the Administration to offer this provision to all the unions. I disagreed with this approach as I believe it is inappropriate for the Legislature to be involved in an issue that is properly addressed in the collective bargaining process. I kept my commitment that ASEA would not support the amendment with the understanding we would address the issue and your commitment to me through a Letter of Agreement. I am pleased the amendment was not adopted.

In your last e-mail to me of April 1, 2008 you stated that you preferred to wait for further discussions until after HB 417 had passed and you knew the outcome of the amendment. I agreed to wait for the outcome and did not request a further meeting until my e-mail to you of April 14 after the bill had passed and the legislature had adjourned.

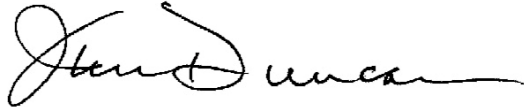
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I will be in Juneau on Wednesday, April 30 and will be available to meet at any time that is convenient for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Duncan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Duncan

Business Manager

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

CC: Mike Tibbles, Chief of Staff
Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner

Enclosures: Letter from Commissioner Kreitzer September 5, 2007
E-Mail Kreitzer to Duncan April 1, 2008
E-Mail Duncan to Kreitzer April 14, 2008