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**VIA EMAIL & 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS MAIL**

The Honorable Loretta Lynch  
Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Mann Act violations

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

I am writing to request that you cross-designate the State of Alaska to pursue prosecution of Bill Allen for alleged Mann Act violations. In 2010, despite significant evidence, the Department of Justice declined to indict Mr. Allen, an Alaskan resident, for alleged sexual abuse of at least one young Alaskan woman and transporting her in violation of the federal Mann Act. Since that decision, the State of Alaska's Department of Law has twice requested that the Attorney General cross-designate the state to prosecute the Mann Act violations. Both of these requests were denied without sufficient explanation to identify the reasons for the denials.

However, these requests were made before your tenure as Attorney General and before the enactment of 18 U.S.C. §2421(b)(1) which provides:

The Attorney General shall grant a request by a State attorney general that a State or local attorney be cross designated to prosecute a violation of [the Mann Act] unless the Attorney General determines that granting the request would undermine the administration of justice.

I am not aware of any reason this request could undermine the administration of justice. Rather, from Alaska's perspective the opportunity to prosecute these crimes is very much in the interest of justice. Allegations of Mr. Allen's misconduct remain an open and disturbing issue for our state. The Department of Justice certainly recognizes the seriousness of these allegations and I know that you are committed to ensuring states have the necessary tools for protecting the welfare of our most vulnerable residents. In

light of the new law, I request that you reconsider the previous denials and cross-designate the State of Alaska to prosecute this alleged Mann Act violation.

Should the Department deny this request, pursuant to §2421(b)(2) I request you reply with a detailed reason for the denial within 60 days. Mr. Allen was the key government witness in the troubled prosecution of the late Senator Ted Stevens. I would ask that the explanation for any denial answer the question of whether the Department's decision is, in any way, based on a suggestion or assurance (whether express or implied) by any federal official to not prosecute Mr. Allen in order to secure his cooperation in the case brought against the Senator.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Attorney General

cc (via email):

District of Alaska U. S. Attorney Karen Loeffler  
U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan  
U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski  
U.S. Congressman Don Young  
State of Alaska Governor Bill Walker