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Representative Gary Knopp

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Commissioner Price,

I am reaching out to you today with concerns about the Anchorage Emergency Communications Center.

On February 25th several of us met, including your Deputy Commissioner, a few of my colleagues and other interested parties to discuss the many concerns and issues with this project. At the conclusion of this meeting, and after having conversations with the Governor's office, it was my understanding that this project would be paused until these very significant concerns had been addressed or resolved.

I was quite surprised last week, when it was brought to my attention that the Department is moving forward with the hiring and RFP process for this project. This is worrisome to me, particularly since HB 205 contains intent language, specifically stating that the Department of Public Safety shall not implement a new Anchorage Emergency Communications Center without legislative approval. Also, the Department does not appear to have given any consideration to the multiple safety concerns that have been brought forward by experienced industry stakeholders.

I would like to request a meeting with you, and the Governor's office, at your earliest convenience to discuss concerns and the process moving forward. Please provide me with a date and time that works with your schedule and my office will coordinate arrangements with other Representatives and attendees.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Knopp".

Representative Gary Knopp

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