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

Dear Speaker Chenault:

Thank you for your diligent consideration of HB 283: National Resource Water Nomination/Designation, my bill relating to the nomination and designation of State water as Outstanding National Resource Water, also known as "Tier 3" water.

I respectfully request that you hold the bill in the House so that we can re-engage stakeholders during the interim and work toward a more broadly acceptable bill. There is no deadline that makes it necessary to pass the bill this session; we have assurance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that it is their intent to give the State the time we need to come up with a process.

If you have questions or concerns about this request, I would be happy to speak with you. Again, thank you for the time and effort you and your colleagues have put into this legislation. I look forward to working with Alaskans and lawmakers to craft the best possible process for designation of Tier 3 waters in Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker  
Governor