



State of Alaska

Department of

Public Safety

Frank H. Murkowski, Governor
William Tandeske, Commissioner

September 15, 2004

Debby Otte, Commission Secretary
Ketchikan Charter Commission 1144
Black Bear Ketchikan, AK 99901

Dear Debby:

In response to your letter of September 3, 2004, I can offer the following assurance;

The proposed consolidation of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and City of Ketchikan would not result in the Department of Public Safety withdrawing assets from Ketchikan.

However, there have been discussions over time regarding potential legislation that could require municipalities to provide certain services. Clearly, public safety services could be a part of such legislation.

At this time, I see no adverse impact that should concern you as you consider consolidation of governments. I believe that our pending purchase of new office space in Ketchikan is a clear sign of our investment in the community.

It was good to hear from you. I wish you the best in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

William Tandeske
Commissioner

cc: Lt. Rodney Dial, "A" Detachment