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Senator Bettye Davis

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Karleen Jackson, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Health & Social Services
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Dear Commissioner,

I am planning to hold a hearing in the coming legislative session dealing with the use of psychotropic drugs on children in this state. I know there are concerns being voiced by advocacy groups in the state on this subject. Therefore I am requesting any statistical information you may have in this area. Specifically I would like information on the number of children who are prescribed these drugs via state expenditures who are either in state custody or through Medicaid or Denali KidCare.

This information should include the number of children, a breakdown of their ages and the type and number of drugs prescribed in this category. It is my understanding that we have a contract with Comprehensive NeuroScience Inc., to track these issues. I also understand that they prepare a monthly report entitled, "Alaska Behavioral Pharmacy Reports for Children Under 18."

I would request a copy of this report from the initial period of publication up through the latest issue.

If you would like further clarification of this request, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/
Bettye Davis