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To: The Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
550 W. 7th Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Subject: Retaliation & Conspiracy to Violate Inmates' First Amendment Rights  
RE: \_\_\_\_\_ (facility name)

To whom it may concern,

The primary problem concerns Alaska Department of Corrections (AK DOC) Officials' conspiratorial practice to violate inmates' Alaska Constitutional rights under Art. 1 § 12 and my U.S. constitutional rights under the 1st and 8th Amendments. Part of this practice consists of manifold reprisals and deliberate disregard for rules and regulations which govern their duty to receive, process and answer inmate grievance[s] in compliance with AK DOC Policies and Procedures #808.03, as well as Alaska Administrative Codes (AACs).

According to the Alaska Constitution Article 1 § 6 I have a right to petition the government to wit "The right of the people... to petition the government shall never be abridged." And under the 1st Amendment to wit "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion ... or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Under Alaska Constitution Article 1 § 12 to be free from cruel and unusual punishment to wit "Excessive bail shall not be required ... nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted." This right is again covered under the 8th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to wit "Excessive bail shall not be required ... nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted."

However, when I exercise my rights to use the grievance procedure, AK DOC Officials and staff join together to harass, hinder, and retaliate against me with a combination of any of the following unethical acts. I have personally experienced the harassment which I have marked with an X:

- ☐ 1. Refuse to answer grievances and cop-outs.
- ☐ 2. Claim to never have received the cop-outs or grievances or claim to have returned them. (Although I never received the forms back.)
- ☐ 3. Dishonest in screening out grievances. This unethical method is used in the rejection criteria to obstruct the grievance from ever being processed.
- ☐ 4. Reporting deliberate false information in the course of responding to grievances.
- ☐ 5. Punitive and harassing cell searches to influence or coerce me not to complete appeal process in a grievance.
- ☐ 6. Intra-facility, intra-housing unit inter-cell transfers;
- ☐ 7. Theft of my property during cell searches.

Such acts of moral turpitude are some of the dirty tricks used in their collusive practice of reprisals. They are concerted acts which violate the conspiracy laws of Title 42 U.S.C. 1995(3) and 1986. They are underhanded attempts to assail our efforts to be heard - to frustrate our use of the grievance procedure - and render the "vehicle for review" ineffective. Thus, we become disturbed with a mental anguish that compels us

to grab and adopt other means and channels through which to seek and obtain resolution.

The United States Supreme Court requires inmates to exhaust administrative review before entering the arena of judicial review. However, this process becomes unfairly difficult when AK DOC Officials tamper with the appeals process.

AK DOC Officials should understand and respect the reality (Law) that grievances filed through an official grievance procedure are Constitutionally protected and deliberate interference with its procedure may result in civil or prosecutorial penalty.

#### Conclusion

This problem permeates the prison population and adversely affects numerous inmates. Some inmates decline to use the grievance procedure due to fear of reprisals. Others have witnessed uncorrected problems that fellow inmates continue to experience and feel the use of the procedure lacks corrective action. Nevertheless, I persist in spite of the onslaught of reprisals. I suffer from many of the aforementioned unethical acts. I also have unanswered grievances in desperate need of location and resolution.

Therefore, I request a thorough and appropriate investigation to ascertain necessary facts to correct this unlawful problem.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information (Log #, comments, description of event, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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*(Cross out the name above if you were not able to send them a copy of your signed petition.)*