



ACLU Applauds Governor Walker's Signing of Senate Bill 91 *Omnibus Crime Bill Will Make Justice Smarter for Alaskans*

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JUNEAU, ALASKA – Today, Governor Bill Walker signed into law Senate Bill 91, the omnibus criminal reform bill. This bill will fundamentally improve Alaska's criminal justice system by moving it away from an over-reliance on incarceration and towards smarter justice anchored in social science research and tailored to the specific needs of Alaskans.

Joshua A. Decker, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska, said:

“This legislation shows that Alaska acknowledges that there are far too many people locked up in our prisons and jails and that the state is dedicated to fixing this problem. The ACLU of Alaska is happy to support this legislation and commends Senator John Coghill and Senator Johnny Ellis for sponsoring it and Governor Bill Walker for signing it. We were honored to be at today's bill signing and look forward to the next steps on this and other pressing issues affecting our criminal justice system.”

For more information and for photographs of the ACLU of Alaska at today's bill signing ceremony, visit <https://www.acluak.org/en/news>.

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