

March 13, 2017

To: Representative Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House

Representative Chris Tuck
House Majority Leader

Dear Speaker Edgmon and Representative Tuck,

I am writing to address two separate instances of unwelcome physical contact from Representative Westlake, both of which happened at work-related functions.

The first occurred on January 16th at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum. While walking through a narrow hallway towards the back of the building, I walked by Rep. Westlake. He grabbed me and made a comment about my hair saying that it “turned him on”. This incident was obviously unexpected and sudden, so I kept walking before I could think of a response.

The second happened this Saturday, March 11th, at the downtown art studio Canvas. We were in a dark, crowded room and I didn’t see him until he was right next to me. He grabbed my butt as he walked by. I pushed his shoulder, but not with enough force for him to move or probably even notice since he kept moving. A nearby staffer saw the incident.

I did not expect a second incident because I thought I had made it clear that I wouldn’t welcome it again. Although I hope that nothing similar does happen again, I want to be very clear that this kind of conduct is unwelcome. Hopefully Rep. Westlake and I can both move forward in a professional manner.

I am making you both aware so that you can share this with Rep. Westlake privately so no one is embarrassed or damaged.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your time,

Olivia Garrett