From: Beau Gehler
To: Rep. Laddie Shaw
Subject: HB-22
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Dear Representative Shaw,

My name is Beau Gehler. I am an Anchorage Firefighter.

I am writing you today to express my interest in HB-22.

Over the years I have seen many of my fellow firefighters leave the state of Alaska in pursuit of a defined-benefit. I have also seen the numbers of candidates who apply to my fire department decreased significantly. When I first applied, there were 1000 applicants in the room taking the written test. Over the last several hiring years we have had as few as 200. We desperately need to support public safety in our state.

Thank you for your support,

Beau Gehler

Sent from my iPhone