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**Sponsor Statement  
Senate Bill 31**

**Address Protection**

SB 31 creates an address protection program for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, peace officers and correctional officers, and their families.

Alaska is one of only six states without any form of address protection program. They are so widespread because they are essential. A person needs an address to vote, drive, work, send children to school, and much more. When that address shows up in a public record, an Alaskan seeking safety from a stalker or abuser faces unnecessary danger. So do Alaska law enforcement professionals who face threats of retribution.

An address protection program gives those Alaskans a powerful tool to stay safe.

Under SB 31, the state would keep a Post Office Box and confidentially forward mail to Alaskans who need protection, public safety professionals, and their families.

Survivors and those who protect our state deserve the chance to live safely.