

Dear Representative Thompson,

Thank you for sponsoring HB77, the Disability Training and ID Bill. I strongly support HB77 because this bill will make sure that law enforcement professionals will be educated about disabilities and how a disability affects a person's everyday life. These professionals will become better equipped to interact with people who experience either an apparent or non-apparent disability.

I also support HB77 because it will enable people who experience a disability to voluntarily have a discreet marker placed on an Alaska Driver's License or ID card. This marker will help a professional recognize that the person in front of them has a disability, even though it may not be initially apparent to the professional.

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I believe this bill legislation will go a long way toward safer encounters between people with disabilities and law enforcement. The training will help officers better understand and safeguard the right of people with disabilities. HB77 will help improve the lives of Alaskans with both apparent and non-apparent disabilities and improve the quality of law enforcement officers throughout the state.

Again, thank you for your support,

I support the creation of this legislation in defense of citizens afflicted with a variety of hidden disabilities. I hope it will also increase awareness and understanding of the occasional special circumstance those with disabilities, obvious or not, must contend. Thank you for supporting HB77.

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