



**Public Safety Employees Association, Inc.**  
*“Representing Alaska’s Finest”*  
**A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 83**



February 11, 2011

Christine Marasigan  
State Capitol Room 103  
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Ms. Marasigan:

The Public Safety Employee's Association Local 803 is a public employee union that represents more than 700 public safety employees throughout Alaska. Our members work as Alaska State Troopers, Airport Police in Fairbanks and Anchorage, Deputy Fire Marshalls in the Department of Public Safety, and municipal police officers and staff employed at the City of Ketchikan, the City of Sitka, the City of Juneau, the City of Fairbanks, the City of Soldotna, and the City of Unalaska.

PSEA wants to submit this letter of support for SB 38, the Line of Duty Death Benefit for peace officers currently in the PERS system, introduced by Senator Meyer. PSEA supports this bill because it protects our members and other peace officers that risk their lives every day protecting all Alaskans. PSEA also supports this bill because it will help families and survivors of peace officers in the most tragic of situations. Finally, PSEA supports this bill because it has a relatively small fiscal impact, and it is a benefit that we all hope, God willing, is not ever necessary.

Please pass on this letter of support to members of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee. Please also pass on our thanks to the Committee and staff for your consideration of this important legislation. If you have any further questions, please contact me or President Rob Cox at this email, or by phone at 907-337-1979.

Sincerely yours,

Jake Metcalfe  
Executive Director  
PSEA/AFSCME Local 803

Rob Cox  
PSEA President