

## Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police

February 2, 2013

The Honorable Robert Lynn Alaska State House of Representatives State Capitol, Rm. 108 120 4th Street, Mail Stop 3100 Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Lynn,

In my capacity as President of the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, I am writing to express our support of House Bill 1, <u>"An Act relating to issuance of drivers' licenses"</u>. Our Association is comprised of more than 100 law enforcement executives from all across Alaska, and we understand that the first step in enforcing law is to reliably identify the people with whom we have official contact, and we believe this legislation will be helpful in that regard.

We are pleased that HB 1 helps Alaska to join other states in recognizing the needs of alien residents to lawfully drive in the state, while at the same time limiting the likelihood that state issued identification can be used to legitimize their continued presence once their visa expires.

We look forward to working with you to insure that HB 45 is passed, and encourage you to contact our Executive Director, Kalie Klaysmat, at 907-394-5426 or by email at <u>kalie.klaysmat@aacop.org</u> should there be some way we can be of assistance in that regard.

Respectfully,

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Chief Tom Clemons, President CC: Representatives Chenault, Hawker, and Johnson

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