



# ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*"Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat"*

March 12, 2013

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
State of Alaska  
State Capitol, Room 416  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**RE: HB 149**

Representative LeDoux,

The Alaska Correctional Officers Association sincerely appreciates your sponsorship of House Bill 149, to provide Alaska's state employed airport firefighters the same presumptive Workers' Compensation coverage afforded to municipal and volunteer firefighters. This important Legislation will correct a serious omission in AS 23 that did not include these State employees. Alaska's airport firefighters fight structural and aircraft fires. These brave men and women risk exposure to chemicals and disease hazards that is no less than the risk encountered by others currently protected under AS 23. House Bill 149 will correct a serious oversight by providing presumptive protection to our State employed airport firefighters and their families that they greatly deserve.

The Alaska Correctional Officers Association strongly supports your actions and appreciates your efforts to pass House Bill 149. If there is any way we can assist, please contact me at (907) 646-2262 or [brad@acoa.us](mailto:brad@acoa.us). We will help in any way we can.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Brad Wilson  
Business Manager