



Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police

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The Honorable Bill Wielechowski
State Capitol Room 419
Juneau AK, 99801
Senator.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov

Dear Senator Wielechowski,

In my capacity as President of the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, I am writing to express our opposition of Senate Bill 13 "*An Act prohibiting the state and municipalities from using assets to assist a federal agency in collecting certain telephone records or electronic data without a warrant; prohibiting the state from cooperating with a federal agency in collecting certain telephone records or electronic data without a warrant; and providing for an effective date.*" Our Association is comprised of more than 100 law enforcement executives from all across Alaska, and while we understand that this bill was well intentioned, we are unable to lend our support to it. Cooperation between law enforcement agencies is the foundation of our profession, and often our lives and those of the public may depend on the support we get from officers of other agencies. While we will always follow the law and strive to protect the rights of the public, we cannot support legislation which serves to sever or limit our relationships with fellow officers who are adhering to federal law. It is crucial that state, local and federal agencies maintain the ability to share resources cooperate effectively to protect the citizens of Alaska.

We want to thank you for your dedication to the people of Alaska and your continued interest in law enforcement issues. We encourage you to reach out to us by contacting our executive director, Kalie Klaysmat at kalie.klaysmat@aacop.org should you wish to further discuss this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Deputy Chief Brad Johnson, President

