



February 2, 2015

The Honorable Bill Wielechowski
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Rm 419
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Juneau AK, 99801-1185

Dear Senator Wielechowski:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing with concerns regarding SB13, "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."

The APOA Board of Directors recently reviewed this proposed legislation and unanimously opposes this bill. While we are sensitive to our state citizens' rights, we believe passage of this bill would reduce cooperation between law enforcement agencies and negatively impact the work of law enforcement throughout the state. It is common practice for local/state officers to share legally seized information with federal partners as often federal charges become more appropriate due to the scope and impact of the crime. This bill would be especially detrimental in this current age of reduced law enforcement budgets and staffing. During this fiscally challenging era, it is crucial all levels of law enforcement be provided the ability to share resources and cooperate effectively to protect the citizens and resources of the state of Alaska.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515, if there is anything our organization can do to assist you in your work for our state.

Sincerely,

Brad Johnson
State President