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To: Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB317

Ms. Ledoux,

I am shocked by Tami Wilson's sponsorship of HB317 and suggestion that our law enforcement are not to be trusted.

Law Enforcement Officers in Alaska are some of the best in the nation, and I am insulted by her accusation that officers will violate citizen rights by seizing property for their own gain.

In full transparency, I am the Chief of the Anchorage Airport Police, the 3rd largest police agency in Alaska.

More importantly, I am a long-time resident of this state with family ties that date over 50 years and with a very strong and personal interest in the future of Alaska.

Asset forfeitures are strictly controlled processes that do not violate citizen rights and that money does not line our pockets.

This type of mistrust from our government leaders does nothing to benefit our citizenry.

One of the biggest benefits to our agency is to provide training to our officers – something that is difficult to obtain in Alaska.

We often use that money to send officers to training or fund outside experts to come to Alaska to provide that training to us. We also often make that training available to other agencies to maximize the benefit and in order to be effective and responsible stewards of the funds available to us.

This money is also used to fund the ballistic vests and other equipment that our officers use to protect them in the line of duty.

Our citizens have high expectations of our law enforcement and we selfishly give of ourselves. We need the support of our politicians, not the fiery emotional and unfounded claims of its sponsors.

I hope you will take the time to fully comprehend the requirements and benefits of asset forfeitures and that due process and probable cause are at the core of the program.

I openly invite you to visit and audit our asset forfeiture program or discuss the program at any time.

You can contact my office at 907-266-2407, or email me directly at jesse.davis@alaska.gov. Please let me know if I can be of service.

Very Respectfully,

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