



May 26, 2016

The Honorable Kurt Olson  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol Room 24  
Juneau AK, 99801  
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Dear Representative Olson:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing to convey our strong support of HB 4002 to provide health coverage to surviving spouses and children of peace officers and firefighters. While our backing of this legislation is not new, having supported it since its original filing as HB 66 during the first session of this legislature, we again strongly urge you and your colleagues to support its passage. The bill's inclusion during this special session clearly demonstrates the importance of providing this critical coverage to the families of those who have served our state and its communities so selflessly. Please take advantage of this opportunity to correct a deficiency that has affected these families for far too long.

As a state we owe every assurance to our law enforcement officers and firefighters that medical care will be available to their spouses and children should the unthinkable happen. Show your dedication and concern for surviving families and agree on this fundamental and overdue need to protect the families of our fallen heroes.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to help with the passage of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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*The Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA) is a dynamic, professional and fraternal organization. Our membership consists of law enforcement, corrections, prosecutors, security professionals and others at the local, state and federal levels. APOA has served as a voice for peace officers and issues impacting the law enforcement profession for over half a century. We are one of the oldest and largest 501(c)3 charitable, nonprofit organizations in Alaska. [www.apoaonline.org](http://www.apoaonline.org)*