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Sen. Kevin Meyer, Senate President
Sen. John Coghill, Majority Leader, Vice Chair – State Affairs
Sen. Berta Gardner, Minority Leader
Sen. Bill Stoltz, Chair – State Affairs

Dear Senate Members,

I am writing you today as the President of the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association (APDEA). In that capacity, I proudly represent the majority of the employees at the Anchorage Police Department, including nearly 360 sworn law enforcement professionals. I have followed the progression of HB66 (now reintroduced as HB4002 and the associated Senate bill) with great concern and interest, and the employees of the Anchorage Police Department are grateful for your collective consideration of this important legislation.

As you are well aware, our public safety professionals have dedicated themselves to putting their own safety on the line to protect and serve our Alaska citizens. This dedication extends well beyond individual officers to include their families, as spouses and children are keenly aware of the dangers associated with the profession. It is despite these risks that they step up together to support a career of service to our communities.

We are now faced with an opportunity to right a wrong; to offer a degree of security to the loved ones left behind when an officer pays the ultimate sacrifice. The passage of this bill will provide a small measure of assurance to public safety practitioners and their families in knowing that their health insurance needs will be covered should an officer die in the line of duty.

Please let me know how the APDEA can be of assistance in any way to assure the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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