



ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

"Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat"

June 14, 2016

Senator Bill Stoltze
State of Alaska
600 E. Railroad Avenue
Wasilla AK, 99654

Re: SB 4002 Letter of Support

Senator Stoltze,

Every time the spouse or child of an Alaska peace officer or firefighter kisses their loved one goodbye as he/she leaves for work, they try not to think of the possibility that they may never see them again. However, they also realize next May, at the Police Memorial Day ceremony, they could be among those listening to the mournful wail of a bagpipe and the sound of a bugle, tearfully waiting for their loved one's name to be read, and to receive a single red rose and the thanks of Alaska for their service. The loss of a peace officer or fireman is always tragic. The grieving that follows is also accompanied with the reality and stress of having to now meet all the families' needs alone. How to provide medical insurance is a large and stressful concern.

Providing health insurance to the grieving families of fallen Alaska peace officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty is the right thing to do. Your vote and help passing Senate Bill 4002 is needed to ease the burden on the families going through unimaginable pain and hardship. Please help these families by not adding the additional stress of losing their insurance as well as their loved one. The men and women of the Alaska Correctional Officers Association and their spouses and dependents encourage you to support the passage and enactment of Senate Bill 4002 to provide major medical insurance coverage for the surviving spouses and dependent children of peace officers and fire fighters killed in the line of duty.

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