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Senators,

My name is Ron Dupee. I am a sergeant with the Fairbanks Police Dept and the President of the Fairbanks Police Department Employees Association. I would like to talk to you about the Survivor Benefit Bill HB23.

Sgt Allen Brandt and I were hired around the same time. I worked with him side by side for the last 12 years. I watched him grow and start a family with his wife Natasha. In October 2016 his life was taken because he ran into danger and not away from it. Shot six times he laid on the ground while his killer yanked on his duty belt to get more ammunition to finish him off. Alan pled for his life and the killer ran away. Alan lived for several more days before complication from his injuries ended his life. Allen would have turned 35 this year. He has 4 children who will grow up without a father and a wife who has lost her soulmate and husband. Allen worked hard for his family so Natasha could stay home and home school their children without having to work.

During my time with FPD we have done nothing but fight with the City of Fairbanks over contracts and money. When it comes to money the City of Fairbanks will pinch every penny even at the detriment to its employees. If you make this optional for the municipalities I can assure you Allen's family will be left without insurance. The emotions of his killing will pass and they will forget. They will see a place to save money and they will pull out.

This decision will have huge impacts on our employees as well. When I go to a call for service I should not have to be worried about whether or not my family will be covered if I am killed in the line of duty. Being duty bound to run into danger and not away I feel it is the least we can do. Please make it mandatory for municipalities to participate.

In closing thank you for your time,

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