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The Honorable Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Alaska State House of Representatives
Room 411, State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Kreiss-Tomkins:

I am writing in support of the Act creating the North Star Medal. As the Chief of Police for the City and Borough of Juneau, it is my honor to interact with brave police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and search and rescue personnel. I see firsthand how these dedicated professionals risk their own lives in the service of others.

I have seen police officers move towards danger, even gunfire, to protect the innocent. I have seen police officers climb over the railing of a bridge to pull a citizen to safety. I watched a firefighter don a ballistic vest and run to assist the police officers who were in harm's way. These brave individuals show extraordinary valor, and all efforts on our part to recognize their heroic contributions to our society are appropriate and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Bryce Johnson
Chief of Police