



February 5, 2019

The Honorable Representatives Lincoln, Claman, Fields, Spohnholz, and Tarr  
Alaska House of Representatives

Dear Representatives:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing to convey our support of HB14, "An Act relating to assault in the first degree; relating to sex offenses; relating to the definition of 'dangerous instrument'; and providing for an aggravating factor at sentencing for strangulation that results in unconsciousness."

The APOA thanks you for addressing the loopholes in the law that prevented a crime involving sexual gratification from being adequately prosecuted. The APOA supports the changes proposed in HB14. 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 bill. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our state.

Sincerely,

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*The Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA) is a dynamic, professional and non-partisan 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 501c(3) charitable, nonprofit organizations in Alaska. [www.apoaonline.org](http://www.apoaonline.org)*