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Ladies and Gentleman, I am writing this letter in support of HB79 and I would encourage you to move this bill forward with due haste.

I am a soon to be retired Anchorage Police officer of some 25 years. I can tell you from personal experience that the PERS defined benefit retirement plan was a significant motivation for my choice to become an Anchorage Police officer and certainly has been a major factor in my decision to remain in public service .

Traditionally, no one left the APD until they reached retirement (unless something unforeseen and unfortunate occurred), but in recent years I have seen a number of very promising officers leave our ranks prematurely because they found more secure retirement plans elsewhere. This is a loss for the department as well as the community in both safety and financial terms as recruitment and training is an expensive process.

Thank you for your attention and efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven Buchta

P.S. If you have any questions I may be able to assist with, I would be happy to respond either by email or phone at 907-350-4428

Sent from my iPad