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Representatives,

I am writing in support of HB 79. I urge you to continue moving this bill through the legislative process. Tier IV is simply not adequate or cost effective for public safety. As a 23 year veteran of the Anchorage Police Department, I have personally witnessed retention issues. It is imperative that we keep our well trained officers and that they do not leave for more competitive departments. Recruitment issues on a municipal and state level will continue to increase. Alaska deserves the very best in public safety and a defined benefit will greatly help achieve this goal. Safety is the number one priority in Alaska, let us move forward with HB79.

Respectfully,

Doug Fifer