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To whom this may concern,

I am Officer Darwin Hendricks with the Anchorage Police Department and I have been with the department since May 2014. I was active duty Army before I joined the police department and I wanted to continue my ability to serve the community. Since I have been with the department I have seen several of my colleagues that were amazing patrol officers leave to join other police departments out of the state of Alaska because of the inadequate retirement system Alaska has for public safety. I strongly believe the state of Alaska is wasting money by training public safety employees and then seeing them leave to go to departments not in the state of Alaska. Many individuals that I have spoken to are not willing to join the Anchorage Police Department because of our retirement system. I understand that there will be a cost to this bill but I also feel that the cost of doing nothing will be greater. Tier 4 requires a solution and HB79 is just that. Thank you for your time and please take this letter into consideration.

Very respectfully
Darwin Hendricks