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To our representatives,

Hello my name is Hunter Gallien. I am a paramedic currently employed with the Anchorage Fire Department. I am writing this letter in support of moving forward with House Bill 79 for several reasons. Tier IV has been proven time and time again that it is an inadequate retirement for public safety. I have knee problems and lower back issues already at the age of 30 and as much as I love my job I can't see myself doing this until my 60's as I would have to under the current retirement system. I have seen many of the members in my academy leave the state in the last four years in pursuit of a better retirement system, most of them were born and raised in Alaska and would not have left if given a better option. I am currently looking at doing the same despite how much I love living and working here. It makes more financial sense to leave the state under the tier IV system. I would urge you to take action on this bill as it would benefit not only the public safety employee's but the whole state with a more reliable, competitive, and experienced work force.

Sincerely,  
Hunter Gallien