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Mr. Kopp
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Dear Mr. Kopp:

I am a 20 year employee of the Anchorage Fire Department and have been a primary member of the New Hire Academy over the last decade. I am asking for you to support HB 79, and would like to share with you my own view of it. I have a retirement and am thankful for that, when I hired on and until the around 2008 we would have over one thousand applications for a hiring cycle. This led to fierce competition and ultimately allowed us to hire the best of the best. Doing so made the citizens we serve safer, as it made each of us safer. Our last hiring process produced just over 200 applications. We no longer can take the best of the best, we get great candidates don't get me wrong, but not as many. Anchorage, or Alaska for that matter will not draw the best of the best without a retirement. Please support HB 79, please support your firefighters.

Sincerely,

Jeff McDonald
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