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**MAYOR DAVE BRONSON**

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Senator Roger Holland (Judiciary Committee Chairman)  
Senator Mike Shower  
Senator Shelley Hughes  
Senator Robert Myers  
Senator Jesse Kiehl  
Senator David Wilson (Sponsor)

Subject: Support for SB 182 "An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications."

Dear Senators,

As Mayor of the largest city in Alaska, I strongly support the proposed intent of Senate Bill 182. Emergency communications are an integral part of our public safety system. SB 182 enables our first responders to focus on emergencies while helping to curtail abuse of the 911 system, which is a lifeline for citizens when they need it most. Dispatchers often multi-task emergency calls and this process is sometimes interrupted and knowingly abused for non-emergency issues that can slow response times and interfere with overall emergency responses. Every second counts when it's a life or death situation and when dispatchers are repeatedly harassed or abused verbally after being instructed to stop. This can negatively impact emergency response outcomes.

I fully support SB 182 and encourage the Judiciary Committee approve it and move it forward.

Respectfully,

Dave Bronson, Mayor  
Municipality of Anchorage