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Representative Chuck Kopp  
Alaska State Legislature  
**RE: Letter of Support for House Bill 210**

Dear Representative Kopp,

I strongly support House Bill 210, which fairly updates disability benefits for Alaska's peace officers and firefighters.

Alaska's peace officers and firefighters face potential life-changing dangers daily. If one becomes permanently disabled, they should still be able to support their families. The current 40 percent benefit often leaves them unable to cover basic expenses. HB 210 fixes this by giving support that matches living costs and their service value.

Beyond its moral imperative, this legislation also boosts Alaska's public safety recruitment and retention. Those considering careers in law enforcement or firefighting weigh the risks against the security provided to their families. By passing HB 210, Alaska shows clear support for those who serve and promises not to abandon them if they are injured protecting others.

HB 210 is fiscally responsible. It applies only to peace officers and firefighters with occupational disabilities and ensures that employer contributions continue to support their retirement accounts. This secures their financial stability without burdening the state.

This bill is about our values. It honors Alaska's first responders and ensures they and their families receive support when disaster strikes.

Thank you for your leadership in sponsoring this important legislation. I urge the Legislature to advance House Bill 210 and reaffirm Alaska's commitment to those who protect and serve.

Respectfully,

*Sean Case*  
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Chief of Police