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To: Chair of the Senate Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature

In Support of SCS CSHB 78

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Stephanie Rozell, and I live in Fairbanks, Alaska. I am writing to you today in strong support of SCS CSHB 78, also known as "An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system."

This bill is vital to our community because it addresses the critical challenge of recruiting and retaining high-quality educators and public employees in Alaska. Currently, the lack of a competitive and stable retirement option is a major deterrent for both prospective and current staff. By providing employees with a meaningful choice between defined contribution and defined benefit retirement plans, SCS CSHB 78 offers the long-term financial security necessary to make careers in public service more attractive.

In our local schools, we see the direct impact of high staff turnover. Strengthening our ability to keep experienced teachers in the classroom directly benefits our students' success and the stability of our entire community. Furthermore, the bill includes a fair transition process, allowing eligible employees a one-time election to apply their prior contributions toward service credit.

I strongly support SCS CSHB 78 and the positive impact it will have on Alaska's students and public workforce. Thank you for your time and your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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