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**SB 12 ver. U: Address Protection**

**Sponsor Statement**

SB 12 creates an address protection program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, peace officers and correctional officers, and their families.

Alaska is one of only nine states without any form of address protection program. They are so widespread because they are essential. A person needs an address to vote, drive, work, send children to school, and much more. When that address shows up in a public record, an Alaskan seeking safety from a stalker or abuser faces unnecessary danger. So do Alaska law enforcement professionals who face threats of retribution.

An address protection program gives those Alaskans a tool to stay safe.

Under SB 12, the state would keep a Post Office Box and confidentially forward mail to Alaskans with a protective order, public safety professionals, and their families. Victims and those protecting our state deserve the chance to live safely.

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