



ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

'Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat'

February 26, 2025

Representative Donna Mears
State Capitol
120 4th Street, Room 102
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Correctional Officers - Letter of Support for HB 104

Representative Mears,

The Alaska Correctional Officers Association represents 980 Correctional Officers in the State of Alaska. Just like all other Alaska Public Safety Officers, Correctional Officers put their lives on the line every day.

House Bill 104 provides confidentiality for Correctional Officers who risk harassment and retaliation by offenders and inmates who too often channel their anger at those charged with their care and security. HB 104 targets those situations most likely to result in the unnecessary release of personal addresses and telephone numbers to the public, thereby reducing the chance that such personal, identifiable information will fall into the hands of those seeking to harm our hard-working Correctional Officers and their loved ones.

HB 104 requires that the personal addresses and telephone numbers of Correctional Officers cannot be placed in court files and shared openly, unless the court determines that the information is necessary and relevant to the case. Additionally, when personal information is ordered to be placed in court documentation, HB 104 requires this information to be redacted from all documents before it is publicly released.

Correctional Officers should not have to worry that someone with bad intentions might show up on their doorstep threatening harm to the Officer or their family every time they are required to share their physical address on documentation that could be publicly accessed.

Additionally, HB 104 requires Correctional Officers be provided with a post office box as a substitute mailing address. Providing Correctional Officers with a substitute mailing address gives them a way to avoid sharing their physical address and increases their peace of mind as they protect the public.

Alaska's Correctional Officers fully support the passage of HB 104. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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HB 104 Address Confidentiality Program: Letter of Support

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) is the state coalition of twenty-four community-based domestic violence and sexual assault service providers. ANDVSA supports HB 104 and appreciates you bringing the issue forward.

There are times when someone comes to a program for assistance and is so concerned about the person causing harm finding them that we do everything we can to minimize their contact outside of our agencies. The reality is that people seeking services may be involved in life and death situations.

The address confidentiality program will be an excellent tool for such circumstances. Being able to have legal documents; bills; any and all first-class mail that go through another address will add a layer of protection. Having their new home address held in confidence may allow someone to leave shelter earlier with a better assurance of their safety.

Providing an address confidentiality program will prohibit a victim's location being revealed when they apply for a driver's license, register to vote, open a bank account, setup new services such as utilities and phone at their new location, do any of the things necessary to start over where an address is required.

Stalking is the most prevalent form of surveillance used in coercive control. In domestic violence situations it is distinguished by its duration (lasting 2.2 years on average, twice the typical length of stalking by strangers), its link to physical violence, and its combination with complementary forms of intimidation and control. An address confidentiality program can reduce these attempts at coercive control. If a person can't be found, they can't be stalked.

Leaving is one of the most dangerous times for victims of domestic violence. Let's support their brave efforts. Being able to relocate to an undisclosed location will increase their chances of survival. We hope HB 104 passes as quickly as possible. It's past time for Alaska to provide this protection to its citizens who need it.

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