



February 20, 2025

Senator Jesse Kiehl
State Capitol 120 4th Street Room 514
Juneau AK, 99801
Re: APOA - Letter of Support for SB 31

Senator Kiehl,

The Alaska Peace Officers Association, representing over 750 law enforcement professionals across the state, urgently requests your support for Senate Bill 31. Like all Alaska Public Safety Officers, Peace Officers put their lives at risk daily in service to our communities.

SB 31 is critical for protecting Peace Officers and their families from harassment and retaliation by offenders, criminals, and vigilantes. This legislation directly addresses the need to safeguard personal information, such as home addresses and phone numbers, which are often exposed through court files and public documents. Without such protections, Peace Officers remain vulnerable to individuals with malicious intent.

SB 31 mandates that personal addresses and phone numbers of Peace Officers be excluded from court files and public documents unless deemed essential by the court. When personal information is deemed necessary, the bill ensures it is redacted before public release. This measure is essential in preventing the unnecessary exposure of Peace Officers' personal details, which could put them and their families at risk. Additionally, SB 31 provides Peace Officers with the option of using a post office box as a substitute mailing address, further reducing the exposure of their personal information and enhancing their security as they serve the public.

The Alaska Peace Officers Association strongly supports the swift passage of SB 31. We urge you to act decisively in protecting those who risk their lives to protect us. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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About APOA

The Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA) is a dynamic, professional and non-partisan organization. Our membership consists of law enforcement, corrections, prosecutors, security professionals and others at the local, state and federal levels. APOA has served as a voice for peace officers and issues impacting the law enforcement profession for over half a century. We are one of the oldest and largest 501c(3) charitable, nonprofit organizations in Alaska. www.apoanonline.org