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A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 803



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The Honorable David Wilson
State of Alaska Senate District D
State Capitol Room 121
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Via email: Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov

Re: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 38 "*An Act Establishing the Crime of Interference with Emergency Communications.*"

Senator Wilson,

Thank you for your sponsorship of Senate Bill 38, establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications, Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) 800+ members appreciates your continued support of Public Safety employees statewide. PSEA is in full support of SB 38 as written.

This legislation is a much-needed addition to our State Laws. This proposed legislation will help curb the misuse of our 911 emergency system, and aid dispatch emergency recourses to those Alaskans in real crisis. There has been an increase in abuse and misuse of the 911 system in the last few years, diverting communication from situations that need immediate communication, to calls that are repeated or non-emergent in nature, or false claims of an emergency.

PSEA, or Public Safety Employees Association, Local 803 is a not-for-profit corporation that has effectively represented Alaska law enforcement personnel in a variety of labor and employment matters at the State and municipal levels since 1978. PSEA also asserts itself as a leader in issues having a direct impact on Alaska Public Safety services.

Our 800+ members are consummate professionals who take great pride in providing essential Public Safety services upon which the public depends. You will encounter PSEA members throughout the State of Alaska – from its busiest airports to its streets and highways, in dispatch centers, our Court rooms, from the turbulent high seas to the State's quiet streams and isolated trails, and the State's largest cities, and smallest rural villages.

Thank you again for continued support of Public Safety, we look forward in assisting with SB 38 as it works its way through the Legislature.

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