

April 7, 2016

Senator John Coghill  
Senator Johnny Ellis  
Senator Lesil McGuire  
Senator Mia Costello  
Senator Click Bishop  
Senator Peter Micciche  
Senator Dennis Egan

State Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Representative Charisse Millett  
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
Representative Geran Tarr

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**RE: Senate Bill 91 and House Bill 205**

Dear Senators and Representatives:

We issue this letter in solidarity in strong opposition to Senate Bill 91 and House Bill 205.

As crime victim advocates, seasoned law enforcement professionals, and fellow Alaskans, we have carefully studied the general public policy underpinnings of this legislation and have closely reviewed the details of both bills. While we appreciate the time and effort invested by the legislature and the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission, we strongly believe that these bills are premised on a fundamentally flawed public policy that seeks to balance the State's budget on the backs of crime victims and local governments. As a Government with the primary duty to protect all Alaskans, it is unconscionable to jeopardize public safety and exacerbate the trauma crime victims endure in the name of fiscal savings; such tactics and policy place all Alaska citizens at risk. At its very core, this legislation represents bad public policy for the crime victims, for law enforcement, and for all the Alaskans we work so diligently to protect.

We feel it is our collective duty and moral obligation to express our opposition to these bills. We urge all legislators to put these bills on hold until a more comprehensive evaluation can be made regarding the impacts these changes will have on our people and communities.

Respectfully,



**Sergeant Gerard Asselin**  
President, Anchorage Police  
Department Employees Association



**Deputy Chief Brad Johnson**  
President, Alaska Association  
of Chiefs of Police



**Deputy Chief Brad Johnson**  
President, Alaska Peace Officers  
Association



**Chief Steve Dutra**  
North Pole Police Department



**Robyn Langlie**  
Executive Director, Victims for Justice



**Jake Metcalfe**  
Executive Director  
Public Safety Employees Association



**Katherine Hansen**  
Senior Victims' Rights Attorney  
Office of Victims Rights



**Keeley Olson**  
Program Director  
Standing Together Against Rape