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Dear Representative Coghill:

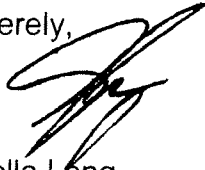
On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing regarding your introduction of House Bill 13, relating to property crimes.

The APOA Legislative Committee recently reviewed this proposed legislation and is unanimously opposed to this bill.

We oppose any effort to raise the amounts in property crimes. \$500 is still a significant loss to many people. Raising the dollar amount of the felony level theft reduces the ability to charge individuals with a felony. Current law provides prosecutors the opportunity and flexibility to plea down to a misdemeanor in the interest of justice. With the current state of the economy, \$500 is a reasonable threshold and we see no need to change it.

We urge you to reconsider this legislation. Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Angella Long
State President