



March 11, 2014

The Honorable Lance Pruitt
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol Rm. 204
120 4th Street
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Pruitt:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for sponsoring House Bill 366, **"An Act relating to reporting an involuntary mental health commitment to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and relating to relief from disabilities of a record of involuntary commitment and an adjudication of mental illness or mental incompetence."**

The APOA Legislative Committee recently reviewed this proposed legislation and unanimously supports this bill in its current form. There is currently no method by which individuals legally barred from firearm possession have his or her name provided to firearms dealers. Even if this legislation passes there will be many ways for people who are mentally ill to acquire firearms, from family, from private sales, etc., however, this is a step in the right direction. APOA supports your efforts to protect the public, and police officers from armed, mentally ill assailants.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515, if there is anything our organization can do to assist in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Brad Johnson
State President