

Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police

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The Honorable Mike Chenault Alaska House of Representatives State Capitol Room 208 Juneau AK, 99801 Email: Representative.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov

Dear Mr. Speaker,

In my capacity as President of the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, I am writing to express our support of House Bill 218: "<u>An Act relating to the aggravating factor at felony sentencing</u> <u>of multiple prior misdemeanors when a prior misdemeanor involves an assault on a</u> <u>correctional employee.</u>" Our Association is comprised of more than 100 law enforcement executives from all across Alaska, and we feel this bill will do much to enhance the safety of correctional employees. You should be proud of a well crafted piece of legislation. Thank you for your continued strong commitment to the needs of public safety and correctional officers in Alaska.

We would be pleased to work with your staff to insure that HB 218 is passed, and encourage you to contact our Executive Director, Kalie Klaysmat, by email at <u>kalie.klaysmat@aacop.org</u> should there be some way we can be of assistance in that regard. Thank you for your dedication to the people of the state and continuing support of the law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

Chief Tom Clemons, President