



Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police

February 2, 2013

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor, State of Alaska
State Capitol Building
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Dear Governor Parnell:

In my capacity as President of the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, I am writing to express our unequivocal support of your Omnibus Crime Bill, introduced as House Bill 73 and Senate Bill 22. Our Association is comprised of more than 100 law enforcement executives from all across Alaska, and we feel this year's Crime Bill will provide us with important tools in the battle to seek justice for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking.

You should be proud of a well crafted piece of legislation which, if passed, shall do much to protect vulnerable individuals in our state and to hold accountable those who prey upon them. Thank you for your strong commitment to the public's safety.

We would be pleased to work with your staff to insure that HB 73 and SB 22 are passed, and encourage you to contact our Executive Director, Kalie Klaysmat, at 907-394-5426 or by email at kalie.klaysmat@aacop.org should there be some way we can be of assistance in that regard. Again, thank you for your dedication and service to the people of the State of Alaska.

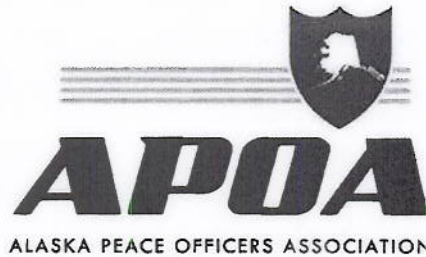
Respectfully,

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Chief Tom Clemons, President

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February 12, 2013

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Dear Governor Parnell:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for your dedication to the interests of our State. We are grateful for your efforts to further companion bills HB 73 and SB 22.

The APOA Executive Board's Legislative Committee reviewed this proposed legislation and decided to unanimously support these bills in their entirety.

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

Sincerely,

John Lucking, Jr.
State President

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Letter of Support HB 73
CRIMES; VICTIMS; CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
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The Alaska Women's Lobby is a statewide grassroots organization dedicated to advancing the right of women, children and families. The Women's Lobby appreciates the Governor's work to strengthen laws that protect domestic violence and sexual assault victims and hold offenders of these crimes accountable for their actions.

We specifically support adding to the crime of sexual assault in the third degree the egregious action of a probation or parole officer engaging in sexual penetration with a person who is on probation or parole. A probation or parole officer has authority both real and implied over a person on probation or parole and as such cannot have a consensual sexual encounter with a probationer or parolee.

Probation and parole officers must exhibit professionalism whether on or off duty. When acting in an official capacity, they must not compromise the trust of the public. The Federal Probation Officers Association, the American Probation and Parole Association and Alaska's own Code of Ethics all include recognition of the office as a symbol of public faith and requires the officer to accept it as a public trust. They also ask the officer to conduct his/her personal life with decorum, neither accepting nor granting favors in connection with the office and requires officers to put loyalty to moral principles above personal consideration. Alaska's code further requires officers to not engage in undue familiarity with probationers or parolees. It is clear that people who choose to enter the probation/parole profession do so knowing they are called to keep a strict code of proper conduct and are held to high standards.

Whether or not the probationer or parolee is under the specific supervision of an officer, they know that any officer has the authority to report misconduct/violations of their probation or parole conditions and can revoke probation or parole. It seems obvious that a person would believe he or she had to comply with a request of a sexual nature or suffer more consequences.

Adding probation or parole officers engaging in sexual penetration with a person who is on probation or parole to the crime of sexual assault in the third degree sends a strong message to everyone; Alaskans expect those we entrust with upholding the law and assisting offenders to successfully re-enter our communities to be true to their professional code of ethics, to be role-models and to conduct themselves accordingly.

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