

March 26, 2013

The Honorable Doug Isaacson Alaska State House of Representatives State Capitol Rm 13 120 4th Street, Mail Stop: 3100 Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Isaacson:

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), regarding House Bill 178, <u>"An Act relating to certain crimes involving controlled substances; and providing for an effective date".</u>

The APOA Legislative Committee recently reviewed this proposed legislation and opposes this bill as it could send the wrong message to criminals and fails to take into consideration any other felonies potentially committed by a person who may have a history of violent behavior. The changes put forth by HB 178 would negate serious criminal activity resulting in a lesser charge which would be a gross injustice.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515, if there is anything our organization can do to assist you in your work for our state.

Sincerely,

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