## **Kim Skipper**

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Mrs. Skipper

My name is Douglas Bowers, I am a social work student at UAA and currently president of the Student Veterans of UAA and Social Work Coalition Club Council Representative. I am doing my practicum placement at the Soldier Family Assistance Center (SFAC) with Mr. Black, our agency director.

I decided to do my practicum at the SFAC, in part, because the agency is in direct line with the population I feel a strong connection with as a U.S. Army veteran of 22 years of service. The agency also has a vision and mission that directly addresses the complex issues of todays' transitioning military. A big part of that transition process is securing long term employment, HB 46 will go a long way in supporting that goal. I wanted to encourage your continued efforts and let you know I support this bill and any efforts that support the transition process and our veterans.

Please keep me abreast of this bill as it progresses through legislation.

Thank You

--Douglas L. Bowers BSW Student SVAUAA President University of Alaska Anchorage