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Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Chair Senate State Affairs
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB 48 Insurance for Dependents of Deceased Fire/Police

Dear Senator Dunleavy:

On behalf of the men and women police officers that Teamsters Local 959 represents at the Wasilla Police Department in addition to the members at the Kodiak Police Department who recently filed a petition to be represented by the Teamsters Local 959, we strongly support SB 48 which will provide health insurance for those left behind.

Our police officers are expected everyday to protect and serve the citizens in their communities. These men and women do so without question. On the rare occasion that a police officer is killed in the line of duty, we believe their families should not be forgotten. The loss of an officer is devastating for the families that they leave behind. The men, women and children suffer a major life change. The survivors left behind should not be further burdened with the question of where their medical insurance is to come from.

The State and or local Municipalities have a responsibility to the families of those fallen police officers in their time of loss and suffering to provide health insurance. SB 48 will provide some comfort to those families left behind.

In summary, we thank you for hearing this very important bill and ask the support of you and your committee members.

Sincerely

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Rick Boyles
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c: Senator Bishop, Hoffman, MacKinnon, Stedman, Gardner