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The Honorable John Coghill
Alaska State Senate
Room 127, State Capitol
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RE: Senate Bill 48

Dear Senator Coghill:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your legislation Senate Bill 48 which seeks to provide continued health insurance to the dependents of deceased firefighters and police officers who are killed in the line of duty or from injuries sustained during the performance of their duties.

The City and Borough of Juneau would like to express our support of new section AS30.60.050 that provides local municipalities the option to voluntarily participate in the insurance program while not adopting an unfunded mandate.

Thank you again for providing an opportunity to comment. We believe it is very important to keep this provision optional to allow the most flexibility at the local level of honoring the men and women who serve to protect us.

Sincerely,

Duncan Rorie Watt
City and Borough Manager