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Hey,

My name is David Barbeau and I have had the pleasure of serving the citizens of Anchorage for 11 years with the Anchorage Fire Department. I originally moved up from California to apply for this job in 2007, right around the time we changed from Tier 3 to Tier 4.

I am writing you to urge you to please continue to move HB 79 through the legislative process for two simple reasons:

- First, people who work in public safety with Tier 4 retirement have and will continue to use this job as a resume builder and stepping stone. They take their knowledge and skills to work with cities that offer better retirements. I have seen literally ZERO employees with Tier 3 leave AFD prior to retirement, and I have seen SEVERAL employees with Tier 4 leave to work in fields with better retirements, **Hunter Bomar, Bart Grabman, Aaron Gorham, Cody Carver, Tristan Raber, Richard Bradley, and Ed Johnson** are a few of my close friends and coworkers that I have had to see leave because of this very reason.
- Second, and more to the point, I stand to directly benefit from it. I don't see that as a bad thing because it means I and my family are better off. It means I and my family are more likely to stay working with AFD to the end of my fruitful career and live out my life here in Alaska and reinvest what I have earned in to Alaskas economy, maybe even start a business of my own where I can offer a strong retirement to my employees as well.

Please, help us stop the employee hemorrhage and support your firefighters and working class. Please continue to support HB 79.

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