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Subject: HB79

To whom it may concern,

My name is Crosby Hanson and I am currently employed with the Anchorage Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

I am writing you today in support of House Bill 79, and I urge you to take action on this bill and continue to move it through the legislative process.

I believe this bill is instrumental in the future of our great state, and vitally important in continuing to provide the citizens of Alaska with the same outstanding public safety services they are used to.

Tier IV is has been proven to be an inadequate retirement system for public safety employees. As the system currently stands the state spends billions of dollars training public safety employees which then later turn and take their training to other states. I was hired by AFD in 2014 with 8 other individuals, and today only 6 of those people are still employed within this state. And multiple others have a formulated exit strategy to provide better for themselves and their families. If we want to retain public safety employees, save money, and return to our once competitive level of recruiting from out of state, HB79 is quite literally our future.

Thank you for your time,
Crosby W. Hanson.