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Subject: House Bill 79 Fire Department
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Dear Representative,

My name is Roland Romero and I work for the Anchorage Fire Department here in Anchorage. I have been a firefighter for over 25 years and I have worked for the Anchorage Fire Department for 19 of those years. I consider myself extremely lucky to be working for such a great Department.

I am writing you today to urge your support and action for House Bill 79. I encourage you to proceed with this Bill and move it through the legislative process.

The current retirement system of Tier IV has proven time and time again to be inadequate for retirement needs and lacking the ability to maintain much needed personal on our Department. With the very high attrition rate on the Department, personal are hiring on with AFD and after gaining experience and skill, leaving Alaska for larger departments with more valued retirement plans.

We are wasting time and money only to see skilled employees leave the Department and the State. We can not remain competitive in recruiting or keeping trained personal.

Please support House Bill 79.

Thank you,
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