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To: Rep. Chuck Kopp <Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB79

Dear Representative Kopp,

My name is Mark Stiller, I currently work for the Anchorage Fire Department as an apparatus engineer. I have been an AFD employee for almost 18 years. I am writing today to encourage the finance committee to support HB79. This bill is good for public safety in Alaska and ultimately the communities we serve.

It is alarming the high number of young firemen and police officers that are getting trained in the state and then taking their valuable skills to other states that have a defined benefit retirement. I don't know the exact cost of training a new candidate from start to finish but i know it is a lot of money. A defined retirement benefit, I believe would keep a lot of these valuable employees here in Alaska to serve. The tier IV retirement system is inadequate for public safety here in Alaska.

I understand that there will be some kind of cost in passing HB79. I also believe that it will be money well spent on public safety in Alaska! I encourage each of you to help push HB79 through the legislative process so it can be debated on the House and Senate floors. With your your help I believe this bill can help us retain great people who want to serve the communities around Alaska. Thank you for your continued hard work!

Sincerely,

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