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My name is Brian Winn. I grew up in Fairbanks, graduated here, lived here all but 8 years of my life. When I got hired with the Fairbanks Fire Department, I thought "That's it! This is what I'm doing with the rest of my life." I started checking off boxes on my long term plans list, and settling in for a long career here at FFD.
I learned very quickly, that that idea of working and retiring here was not a reality, and if I wanted to have any real retirement, I would need to go after D.O.D. or leave Alaska. I told my fiancee last year that if I hadn't got in with Fort Wainwright fire department by time we got married this summer, I would start going down to the states testing with departments down there.
Both of those ideas were not things I wanted, but simply a necessary but hard decision I had to make for my family and our financial future. The last thing I want to go is pull our daughter from school and tell my fiancee she needs to find a new job.
This bill to bring back a pension could be the solution to keeping myself and my family in our home town. It could be the solution I've been waiting for but not thinking would actually come.

Thank you for the support, if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely, Brian Winn
Firefighter, Fairbanks Fire Department