



February 6, 2020

The Honorable Representative Tarr
Alaska House of Representatives

Dear Representative Tarr:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing to convey our support of HB182, "An Act relating to testing of sexual assault examination kits; and providing for an effective date."

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of victims of sexual assault. The APOA supported HB20 last session and will support HB182 for the current session. Valuable information obtained from the processing of the biological evidence will assist in the identification of sexual assault suspects. Many sexual assault examination kits may not be needed for evidence in court proceedings, but the DNA evidence obtained could be vital to solving other cases. Processing these kits and getting the information entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) is vital to the identification and apprehension of sex offenders. Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to help with the passage of this bill. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our state.

Sincerely,

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