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TO: Senate Labor and Commerce Committee  
FR: Sergeant Jeremy Conkling, APDEA President  
RE: SB 130

Senator Costello and Members of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee,

My name is Sergeant Jeremy Conkling, and I am the President of the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association. In my capacity as President, I represent over 570 members of the Anchorage Police Department.

I write to you today to express the APDEA's support of SB 130. The APDEA uses our gaming permit to give to charitable organizations, including the non-profit Anchorage Cops for Community (AC4C). AC4C works to foster and inspire community wellbeing through collaboration between the community and law enforcement. Examples include Shop with a Cop and Firefighter, Clothesline Project, Project Angel Tree, and Coffee with a Cop, just to name a few. Adding an electronic version of pull-tabs will make it less onerous for small businesses to support local charities, including AC4C.

Responsible gaming, such as electronic pull tabs, can help non-profits meet their missions and with respect to AC4C, help to humanize the police in the eyes of their communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Jeremy Conkling  
APDEA President