

Sponsor Statement Senate Bill 115

SB 115 creates an address confidentiality program to protect survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as for peace officers and correctional officers.

Forty-one states have some form of address confidentiality program. They are so widespread because there's real need—an address is essential to vote, drive, work, and so much more. But having an address in a public record makes a person vulnerable to an abuser or someone seeking to do harm. Alaskans who have survived relationship or sexual violence deserve a way to participate in society safely. So do Alaskans who work in law enforcement and face threats of retribution. An address confidentiality program minimizes the chances they will be found by someone who wishes them harm.

Under SB 115, the state would keep a Post Office Box and confidentially forward mail to public safety professionals and Alaskans under a protective order. These Alaskans deserve a chance to live safely.