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To: House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: I support greater police accountability & transparency in Alaska

Dear House State Affairs Committee,

I am writing to you today to share my support for Senate Bill 7: State Trooper Policies.

As you know, this Act would require the Department of Public Safety to publish policies and procedures on their website, ensuring that there is more transparency in the policing process. Police violence and misconduct against communities of color is on the rise both in Alaska and across the country, but there are clear steps that states and municipalities can take to reduce the risk of these events occurring, and hold those responsible accountable. The passage of SB 7 is one of those actions.

It is impossible to have a fair and just system if the public is not aware of the policies and procedures that exist within the Department of Public Safety. I am not advocating for the disclosure of confidential information, but rather to allow for a better understanding of the systems at play that affect all residents of Alaska.

Please pass SB 7 today.

Thank you for your time,
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Subject: In support of SB7

Greetings to the Alaska House State Affairs committee:

I write this in support of SB7.

I am an Alaska resident who is calling for overall and incredibly overdue improvements - and responsibility - to the Department of Public Safety and its role in leadership and accountability for its officers and VSPOs across the state.

We have learned these past two years, both across and country and here in AK, that transparency and clear, contemporary policies and action are needed - especially when it comes to our BIPOC, Alaska native, and minority populations (citizens!)

I've seen with my own eyes in Fairbanks, and heard stories from friends and acquaintances across the 49th, and read the stories and testimonies shared with news reports and justice organizations (including the brilliant Alaska Black Caucus + ACLU) - it's beyond time for change, and accountability.

Please support SB7!

Thank you,

Jessica R
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