



ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

"Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat"

January 25, 2023

Senator Jesse Kiehl
State Capitol
120 4th Street, Room 514
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Correctional Officers Letter of Support for SB 12

Senator Kiehl,

The Alaska Correctional Officers Association represents 940 Correctional Officers in the State of Alaska. Just like all other Alaska Public Safety Officers, Correctional Officers put their lives on the line every day.

Senate Bill 12 provides confidentiality for Correctional Officers who risk harassment and retaliation by offenders and inmates who too often channel their anger at those charged with their care and security. SB 12 targets those situations most likely to result in the unnecessary release of personal addresses and telephone numbers to the public, thereby reducing the chance that such personally identifiable information will fall into the hands of those seeking to harm our hard-working Correctional Officers and their loved ones.

SB 12 requires that personal addresses and telephone numbers of Correctional Officers cannot be placed in court files and shared openly, unless the court determines that the information is necessary and relevant to the case. Additionally, when personal information is ordered to be placed in court documentation, SB 12 requires this information to be redacted from all documents before it is publicly released.

Correctional Officers should not have to worry that someone with bad intentions might show up on their doorstep threatening harm to the Officer or their family every time they are required to share their physical address on documentation that could be publicly accessed.

Additionally, SB 12 requires Correctional Officers be provided with a post office box as a substitute mailing address. Providing Correctional Officers with a substitute mailing address gives them a way to avoid sharing their physical address and increases their peace of mind as they protect the public.

The Alaska Correctional Officers Association fully supports the passage of SB 12. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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February 8, 2023

The Honorable Senator Kiehl
Alaska Senate

Dear Senator Kiehl:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing to convey our support of SB12, "An Act relating to confidentiality of information; relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

We support the confidentiality program to protect survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence as well as to protect peace officers and correctional officers and their families. This bill will help to ensure the privacy of the addresses of peace officers and make it harder for those individuals wishing to target or inflict harm on them.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 907-277-0515 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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About APOA

The Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA) is a dynamic, professional and non-partisan organization. Our membership consists of law enforcement, corrections, prosecutors, security professionals and others at the local, state and federal levels. APOA has served as a voice for peace officers and issues impacting the law enforcement profession for over half a century. We are one of the oldest and largest 501c(3) charitable, nonprofit organizations in Alaska. www.apoaonline.org