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JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature  
House

May 24, 1972

Mr. Richard Pierson  
R.R. 4, Box 4628  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Pierson:

You will be pleased to know that House Bill 588, about which you wrote earlier this year, passed the House today by a vote of 25 to 9. The measure now goes to the Senate and I am very hopeful of its passage by that body.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Miller, Representative  
District Four (Juneau)

May 9, 1972

Mr. Richard Pierson  
R.R. 4, Box 4628  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Pierson:

Thank you for your recent telegram relative to HB 588 which would include correctional officers as peace officers under the terms of the Public Employees Retirement System. At the present time, this bill is under consideration by the Finance Committee. I am sending a copy of your letter to George Hohman, Chairman, so that he can consider your views on the subject.

I appreciate your taking the time to express your views and I will certainly take them into consideration when it comes time to vote on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller, Representative  
District Four (Juneau)

# TELEGRAM

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RE: VINT WILLIAMS

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AS A PROFESSIONAL OFFICER I HEREBY SOLICIT

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ME

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

WILLIAMS

March 1, 1972

Mr. Roger V. Endell  
Acting Asst. Superintendent  
S.E.R.C.I.  
P. O. Box 309  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Endell:

Thank you for your recent letter relative to HB 588 which would include correctional officers as peace officers under the terms of the Public Employees Retirement System. At the present time, this bill is under consideration by the Judiciary Committee and I understand that hearings will be held on the subject within the next two weeks. By copy of this letter, I am asking the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee to consider your letter as testimony relative to the bill. In addition, I am asking that he advise me when hearings are scheduled so that I, in turn, can contact you in case you wish to make a personal appearance.

Thank you for making your views known to me.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller, Representative  
District Four (Juneau)

February 28, 1972

The Honorable Mike Miller  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
Pouch "V" State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Miller:

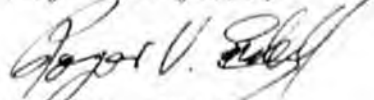
I am writing to ask for your support of House Bill #588 relating to the coverage of correctional officers under the Public Employees Retirement System which is presently in the House Judiciary Committee.

As Assistant Superintendent I am responsible for the actions involving many correctional officers under my supervision at the Southeastern Regional Correctional Institution here in Juneau. Our duties and responsibilities in our efforts to rehabilitate and reintegrate the offender bring us constantly in contact with individuals who are not only capable but also sometimes actively involved in making mental as well as physical attacks on our personnel.

I believe this bill would do a great deal to encourage a high caliber of professional career correctional personnel to stay in the Division and to continue to do a job that is difficult but nevertheless essential toward the betterment of Alaskan society.

I'm sure that you can visualize the difficulties in asking personnel in their fifties and sixties to handle young and physically stronger offenders when a situation becomes difficult. The records will show that officers have been abused and sometimes seriously injured in serving the State of Alaska in this occupation. I feel that the families of our personnel deserve the support of the elected officials of the State in considering this measure. I hope that you will give your sincere attention to the passage of this bill, and I thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Roger V. Endell  
Acting Asst. Superintendent

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February 23, 1972

Mr. Jerome G. Gyurci  
Correctional Officer II  
R.R. 4, Box 4104-29  
Juneau, Alaska 99601

Dear Mr. Gyurci:

Thank you for your recent letter relative to HB 588 which would include correctional officers as peace officers under the terms of the Public Employees Retirement System. At the present time, this bill is under consideration by the Judiciary Committee and I understand that hearings will be held on the subject within the next two weeks. By copy of this letter, I am asking the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee to consider your letter as testimony relative to the bill. In addition, I am asking that he advise me when hearings are scheduled so that I, in turn, can contact you in case you wish to make a personal appearance.

Thank you for making your views known to me.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller, Representative  
District Four (Juneau)

The Honorable Mike Miller

This letter is in regards to the change in House Bill 588 to include Correctional Officers under the Public Employees Retirement System.

I think as a Correctional Officer we should be included in the same early retirement system as are the peace officers & fireman, as our work is somewhat related.

I am very much in support of this bill & hope you will do all you can to help it pass.

Thank you for any interest & time you can give to House Bill 588

Yours Very Truly  
Jerome S. Gyurci  
Correctional Officer II  
P.O. 4 Box 4104-29  
Juneau, Ak.  
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February 23, 1972

Mr. LeRoy B. Messing  
Route 4, Box 4104-15  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Messing:

Thank you for your recent letter relative to HB 588 which would include correctional officers as peace officers under the terms of the Public Employees Retirement System. At the present time, this bill is under consideration by the Judiciary Committee and I understand that hearings will be held on the subject within the next two weeks. By copy of this letter, I am asking the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee to consider your letter as testimony relative to the bill. In addition, I am asking that he advise me when hearings are scheduled so that I, in turn, can contact you in case you wish to make a personal appearance.

Thank you for making your views known to me.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller, Representative  
District Four (Juneau)

Le Roy B. Messing  
R<sup>#</sup> 45<sup>1</sup> Box 4104-15  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
February 17, 1972

The Honorable Mike Miller  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Pouch V Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in regards to House Bill # 588  
I support this bill, as a member of the Alaska Correctional  
Association, and as an employee working in the Juneau area  
of the Correctional Field.

At present my position is in the Southeastern Regional  
Correctional Institution at Lemon Creek.

As a C.O. II my experience is considerable into the  
hazards of the position. One of the hazards is the constant  
chance of harassment we can receive from disenchanting  
inmates, whether physical or mental.

I feel the chance of confrontation is much greater  
when an officer has reached the 55 yr. bracket, simply  
because the young inmate thinks (or can think) the old  
man an easy mark.

Therefore I support H. B. # 588 whole heartedly

Thank you for any consideration given to my letter

Cordially  
Le Roy B. Messing

March 15, 1972

Sgt. Henry Stuart  
Correctional Officer II  
Northern Regional Correctional  
Institution  
P. O. Box 317  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Sgt. Stuart:

Thank you for your recent letter relative to HB 588 which would include correctional officers as peace officers under the terms of the Public Employees Retirement System. At the present time, this bill is under consideration by the Finance Committee. I am sending a copy of your letter to George Hohman, Chairman, so that he can consider your views on the subject.

I appreciate your taking the time to write and will certainly take your views into consideration when it comes time to vote on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller, Representative  
District Four (Juneau)

March 1, 1972

The Honorable Mike Miller  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
Pouch "V" State Capitol Bldg.  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Sir:

Herein lies my request for passage of House Bill 588, The Public Employees Retirement System. I personally feel that the nature of my job as a Correctional Officer for the State of Alaska warrants our being classified as members of the Department of Public Safety. The duties carried out by Correctional Officers are many times hazardous physically as well as mentally. There is always present the physical threat of those mentally sick with whom we have to deal with in our routine work. There is normally the physical threat present made by inmates which we house in our Institutions. This latter threat may continue into our personal lives as well. We are on call 24 hours a day, and our working hours consist of one of the three eight (8) hour shifts which make up our working day. Under the working conditions of which we as Correctional Officers have to perform there is little or no opportunity for planning for recreation in our personal lives as is possible in other areas of employment where normal working hours are a must. The above conditions can be a ruin to our health. It is therefore my request that you consider these conditions and consider us Correctional Officers for re-classification as Peace Officers under the passage of House Bill, 588. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

*Henry C. Stuart*

Sgt. Henry Stuart  
Correctional Officer II

*Northwest Alaska Correctional Institute*

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Correctional officers & Superintendents  
to the Retirement System  
House Judiciary will be  
considering HB 588 during  
the next 2 weeks