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# Alaska Association Chiefs of Police

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March 29, 1985

Representative M. Mike Miller  
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Interdepartmental Mail Stop 3100  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Miller,

Our Association conducted its Annual Meeting on March 22, 1985 in Anchorage.

Extensive consideration was given by the group to pending legislation. Of the many Bills submitted this session we identified six (6) that we consider to be priority legislation and worthy of our Associations support.

The legislation we support is listed below along with a summation of our reasons for supporting the Bill.

(1) HB 178 Conspiracy

This legislation, if enacted, would enable law enforcement to initiate prosecution against persons planning to commit felony crimes. The ability to take action prior to the actual commission of the crime could well serve to protect property and save lives.

(2) HB 179 Hearsay

Currently some Bush felony cases are not prosecuted due to the prohibitive costs of gathering all of the required witnesses and the members of the Grand Jury together. Even in urban areas court time expenses for police witnesses appearing off duty can be substantial. In a time of rising costs and falling revenues this is an important consideration. Another concern obviously is the orderly administration of justice and the potential effect on the rights of those persons indicted.

We do not feel the right of the suspects would be abridged in any way by this legislation. Additionally, this procedure would increase the efficiency and have a positive effect on the cost of the justice system.

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(3) HB 205 Juvenile Waiver

In recent years there have been several homicides involving persons under 18 as the perpetrator.

The ability to commit serious crimes without facing the same penalties as an adult is not lost on this age group. We feel that 16 and 17 year old youths committing unclassified felonies are well aware of what they are doing and should be held accountable.

(4) HB 163 Recriminalization of Marijuana

The Association feels that our states laws regarding Marijuana should be consistent with a majority of the other 49 states and federal law.

We believe that the permissive attitude reflected by the current state law on marijuana is potentially detrimental to the health and safety of the citizens of our state.

Current law allows a person to possess four (4) ounces or less in their residence. How they purchase and transport it is ignored although it is a crime to do so. The approach clearly is that if you can avoid getting caught buying or transporting you are home safe.

We feel that the mixed messages sent by this law breeds disrespect for all laws and may in fact encourage violations.

(5) HB 274 Permit for Carrying a Concealed Weapon

We do not believe it necessary nor appropriate for private citizens to carry concealed weapons. This is the primary reason for our opposing the bill. However, beyond that original premise we find problems with the bill.

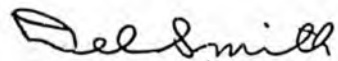
The proposed 30 day time frame prior to issuing the permit may not allow sufficient time to accomplish a thorough background investigation of the applicant.

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Additionally, a person must be adjudicated mentally incompetent or insane to be denied a permit. A person could presumably check in and out of mental institutions on a volunteer or peace officer commitment and still be issued a permit. We feel that the bill is bad public policy and as written presents a danger to the citizens of this state.

Sincerely,



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Secretary-Treasurer

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TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: CELIA WARRIOR, 632 N. PINE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99508,  
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SUBJECT: HB 178, CREATING THE CRIME OF CONSPIRACY

WOULD YOU PLEASE GET HB 178 OUT FOR A VOTE ON THE FLOOR. SOUNDS  
LIKE A VERY GOOD BILL. WE DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH INSURANCE  
COMPANIES AND LAWYERS. APPEARS THAT THEY HAVE A GOOD RACKET  
GOING. YOU ARE THE PEOPLE WHO CAN PUT A STOP TO THIS. THAT'S  
WHAT YOU ARE THERE FOR.

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TO: HOUSE JUDICIARY  
REPS. M. M. MILLER, SUND, GRUENBERG, TAYLOR, CLOCKSIN,  
PETTYJOHN, PHILLIPS  
REPS. HANLEY

FROM: JOHN J. LISKA, SR BOX 421, EAGLE RIVER, AK 99577,  
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SUBJECT: HB 179, CREATING THE CRIME OF CONSPIRACY

HB 179 NEEDS YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, ACT AND MOVE TO THE FLOOR  
FOR A VOTE. HB 179 IS PREFERRED OVER SB 139. ALASKA MUST MUST  
HAVE A LAW ADDRESSING THE CRIME OF CONSPIRACY. WE FEEL THIS IS  
LONG OVER DUE. MOVE HB 179.