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January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Michael Heyward

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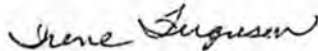
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Irene Ferguson

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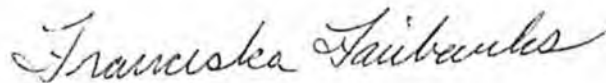
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Franceska Fairbanks

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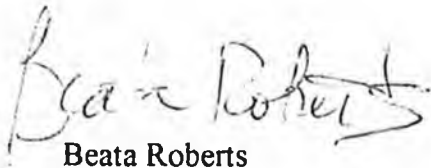
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Beata Roberts

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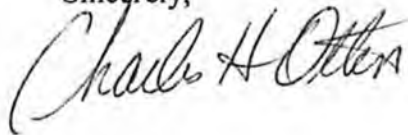
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Charles Otten

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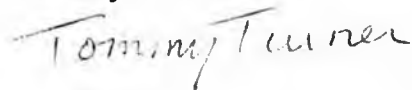
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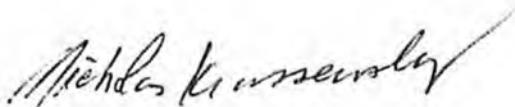
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Nicholas Krassensky

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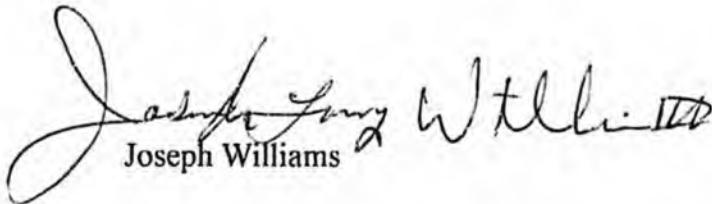
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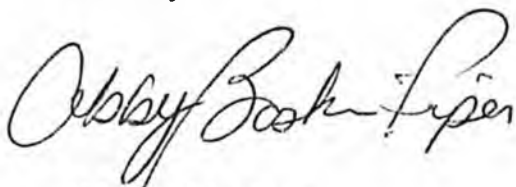
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Abby Baskin-Piper

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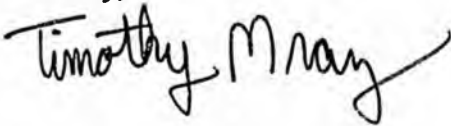
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Thank you for your time.

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Timothy Mraz

January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Teresa Saunders

January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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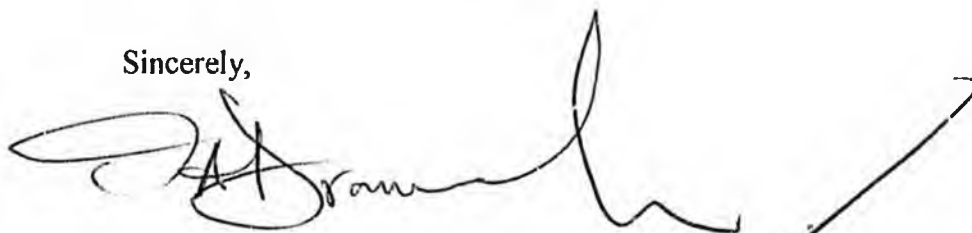
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Omar Drainmeh

January 22, 2002

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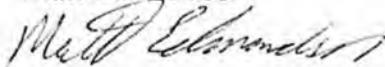
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Sincerely,

Matt Edmondson



January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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John Morrill

January 22, 2002

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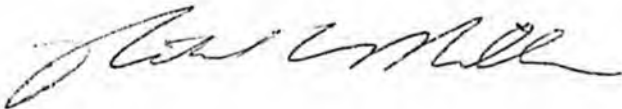
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Richard Millar

January 22, 2002

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State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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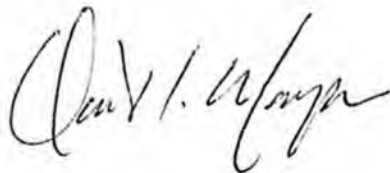
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David Mayer

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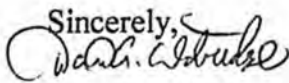
Date 1/20/02  
Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182  
Darius Aldridge  
Youth Counselor II  
5340 E 26<sup>th</sup> #54  
Anch, Ak 99508  
Dear Rep. Coghill,

My name is Darius Aldridge and I work for the Division of Juvenile Justice as a Youth Counselor at the McLaughlin Youth Center. I have been concerned recently about the impending passage of HB 248 for a couple of reasons.

First, Youth Counselors are some of the only DJJ employees not in the Peace Officers Retirement System. Youth Counselors deserve a 20 year retirement package more than any other group of employees because of the inequity that exists within our division.

Second, as the Chair, I know that you can make HB 248 move to a hearing in the State Affairs Committee and would be somewhat disappointed to see the opportunity pass us by. I would certainly support such an action as a Youth Counselor. I know that HB 248 will have support in both the House and the Senate when they see it.

Please help make HB 248 move for the Youth Counselors as a sign of support for a group of employees who have been working a long time toward fairness and equity.

Sincerely,  
  
Darius Aldridge

January 22, 2002

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Deborah Pickel

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Hector Flores

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Sincerely,



Tyria Candelaria

January 26, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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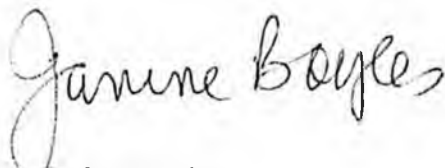
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Janine Boyles

Date: January 21, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Shawn Lundgren  
661 Goldmine Trail  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

Dear Rep. Coghill,

My name is Shawn Lundgren and I am a member of the Alaska Juvenile Correctional Officers Association (AJCOA) which supports the passage of HB 248 (20-year retirement for Youth Counselors sponsored by Reps. Williams and Kerttula). This association was formed in the early 1990s to support similar legislation, which passed both the House and Senate at that time. Unfortunately, Governor Hickel vetoed the 20-year bill. Now, the association has been renewed and is made up of Youth Counselor class employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and others. We strongly support the scheduling of a hearing on HB 248 in the House State Affairs Committee so the legislation can be voted on and moved to its next review by House Finance.

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Shawn Lundgren

Date: January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Doug Bergener  
1745 Donald Ave.  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Rep. Coghill,

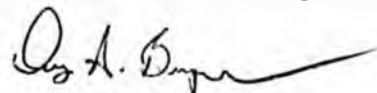
My name is Doug Bergener and I work for the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) as a Youth Counselor II in the Fairbanks Youth Facility. I joined the Alaska Juvenile Correctional Officers Association (AJCOA) recently to support the passage of the Youth Counselor 20-year retirement legislation, HB 248.

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Sincerely,



Doug Bergener

January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Barbara Moore  
P.O.Box 73782  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

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*Barb Moore*

January 24, 2002

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State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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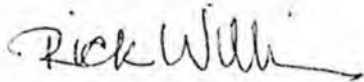
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Rick Williams  
2600 Providence Dr.  
Anchorage, AK 99508

February 2, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Kevin J. Milles  
1220 Park Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
kwej@gci.net

Dear Rep. Coghill,

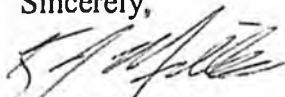
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Kevin J. Milles

January 25, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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1220 Park Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
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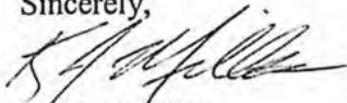
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January 20, 2002

The Honorable John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Jerry Dompeling  
3282 Jefferson Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK. 99709

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Thank you for your time as well as your support.

Sincerely,

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To: Honorable John Coghill Jr.  
State Capitol Rm. 102  
Juneau, Ak. 99801-1182

From: Rayman Rusty Stith  
3596 Lakeview Dr.  
Fairbanks, Ak. 99701  
907-457-2227

January 22, 2002

Dear John Coghill, Jr.

I want to thank you for talking to me about HB248. My name is Rayman (Rusty) Stith and I work at Fairbanks Youth Facility as a Youth Counselor II.

Last week when I called and asked to talk to you, I was amazed that I was not asked what this is regarding or what is your name. I appreciate that.

I am excited that HB248 is in your committee because I feel that you do represent my interests very well. My future as well as many others are riding with HB248 and I really appreciate that you took the time (a lot of time) to talk and explain in detail about the future of HB248.

I understand now why you have to present this bill in the appropriate fashion. I want you to know that as a constituent, I am happy that you represent me.

Thanks,



Rayman (Rusty) Stith

Date: January 23, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Leigh Rovzar YC II  
1132 Propwash Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Date: January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Sam Green  
602 E. Bentley  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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1/22/02

Rep. John Coghill  
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Tim Oney  
PO Box 56301  
North Pole, AK 99705

Dear Rep. Coghill,

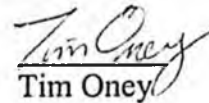
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January 23, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capital Room # 102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Youth Counselor II  
Aaron Tanner  
1161 Dellwood Apt B  
Wasilla, AK 99654

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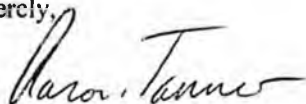
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Aaron Tanner

1/21/02

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room 102  
Juneau, AK 998-1-1182

Youth Counselor  
Kelli Mahoney  
925 Lone Cub Dr.  
Wasilla, AK 99654

Dear Rep. Coghill,

I am a member of the Alaska Juvenile Correctional Officer's Association. I am also a new hire at the Mat Su Youth Facility. I hope to continue to serve youth a long time in this position.

My Association strongly supports the passage of HB 248 that includes Youth Counselor series employees in the Peace Officers' Retirement System. I believe that achieving parity for benefits for employees of the corrections system will help retain qualified counselors. The job of a youth counselor requires expertise and specialized knowledge.

As the Chair of the House State Affairs Committee, I believe you will be sorting through prospective legislation regarding the 20-year retirement for over-looked state employees. AJCOA has supported the effort to achieve parity for over ten years. That's half the time it would take to retire! The other peace officers/corrections officers work hard too, and deserve their benefits. We are just asking for parity.

Please work to pass this legislation out of the State Affairs Committee. Help Youth Counselors, those who are at the front line of rehabilitation, and restorative justice. Help the state employees who deal with violent child criminals- youth who may have four counts of theft and assault on record...yet cry in their cells after waiting in vain for a phone call from home. Our jobs are complicated and undervalued at present. You can help us change this condition so that the kids in detention can be assured of the best care they can get.

Thank you for considering my position on HB 248.

Sincerely, Kelli Mahoney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelli Mahoney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Jan. 27, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

DeeJana Engle  
1045 South Cobb Street  
Palmer, AK 99645-6917

Dear Rep. Coghill,

My name is DeeJana Engle and I work for the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) as a Youth Counselor in the Mat-Su Youth Facility. I joined the Alaska Juvenile Correctional Officers Association (AJCOA) recently to support the passage of the Youth Counselor 20-year retirement legislation, HB 248.

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January 18, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Jeff Burger  
1951 Eastridge Dr.  
Anchorage AK. 99501

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January 26, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Thomas W. Peria  
P.O. Box 2091  
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Rep. Coghill,

My name is Thomas Peria and I work for the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) as a Youth Counselor in the Mat-Su Youth Facility. I joined the Alaska Juvenile Correctional Officers Association (AJCOA) recently to support the passage of the Youth Counselor 20-year retirement legislation, HB 248.

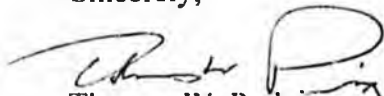
Before becoming a Youth Counselor I served as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer for 9 years. Due to the often unpredictable nature of Juvenile Offenders during the two years I have worked as a Youth Counselor I have seen as many violent acts if not more than when I served as Federal Law Enforcement Officer. The job of a Youth Counselor is more stressful than my prior duties and every bit as dangerous although in different ways and that position offered a 20 year retirement.

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January 23, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capital Room # 102  
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Youth Counselor II  
Andrea Freihardt  
HC-34 Box 2673  
Wasilla, AK 99654

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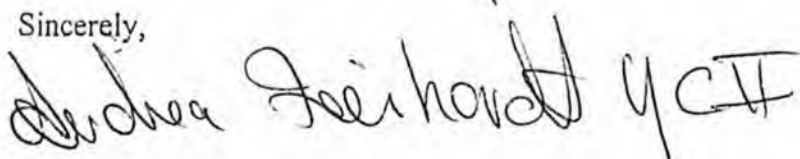
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Sincerely,

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Andrea Freihardt

January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Mr. Ed White  
Box 1410  
Palmer Alaska 99645

Dear Rep. Coghill,

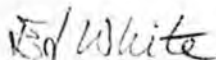
As a juvenile correctional officer, I have seen many of my fellow officers, hurt maliciously by juvenile offenders. They have fashioned weapons out of materials like combs and toothbrushes. I also have been physically assaulted. Every day I work with police, probation officers, parents, and attorneys. I protect the public.

My name is Ed White and I am a member of the Alaska Juvenile Correctional Officers Association (AJCOA), which supports the passage of HB 248 (20-year retirement for Youth Counselors sponsored by Reps. Williams and Kerttula). This association was formed in the early 1990s to support similar legislation, which passed both the House and Senate at that time. Unfortunately, Governor Hickel vetoed the 20-year bill. Now, the association has been renewed and is made up of Youth Counselor class employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and others. We strongly support the scheduling of a hearing on HB 248 in the House State Affairs Committee so the legislation can be voted on and moved to its next review by House Finance.

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Ed White

January 22, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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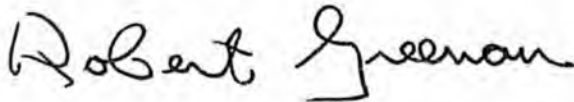
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Sincerely,

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Robert Greenan

January 26, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Jose M. Gutierrez III  
1425 Noble St.  
Fairbanks, AK. 99701

Dear Rep. Coghill,

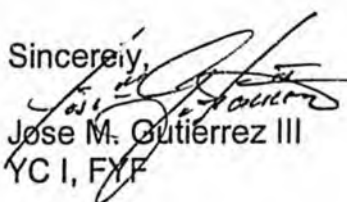
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Sincerely,



Jose M. Gutierrez III  
YC I, FYF

Jan. 20, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Lisa Drew  
4820 Villanova Drive  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

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Sincerely,

*Lisa Drew*

P.O. Box 70829  
Fairbanks AK 99707-0829

January 19, 2002

Representative John Coghill  
State Capitol, Room 102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

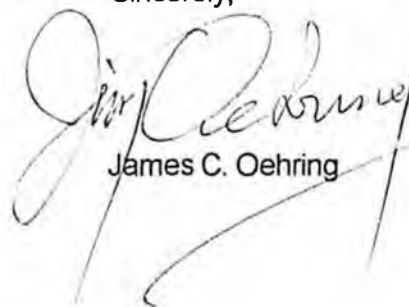
Dear John:

Representative Jim Whitaker has introduced HB296, relating to mergers and consolidations of municipalities, which addresses and seeks to correct two concerns I have had regarding the process. I hope you support this bill in the House.

On another issue, I wonder why longevity bonuses cannot be direct-deposited to claimants' bank accounts. I once asked this question of the cognizant administrative department and was told that they would still have to send out the monthly questionnaire about actually being present in Alaska, but so what? They do that now. Direct-depositing these payments would at least simplify reconciliation of the state's bank accounts.

I would appreciate your attention to these matters. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



James C. Oehring

1/21/02

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room 102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Coghill,

I would like to take a brief moment of your time to encourage your support for the passage of House Bill 248, which places the Youth Counselor employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice into the Peace Officers Retirement System.

I am currently a teacher with the Mat-Su School District. Prior to becoming a teacher I worked as a Youth Counselor, Correctional Officer and Probation Officer in Oregon. Because of my past work experience, I can attest to the need for the passage of this bill.

The services performed by Youth Counselors in the State of Alaska are demanding by nature; the result is 'burnout' and a loss of many good employees that seek employment in fields with less stress, responsibility and danger. Passage of House Bill 248 is a necessity for keeping DJJ Youth Counselors in their chosen profession.

I encourage you to help to end the disparity, which has existed in retirement for Youth Counselors with the rest of the employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice who enjoy the benefits provided by the Peace Officers Retirement System.

Respectfully,



Frederic Brown  
Teacher  
MSBSD  
Palmer, AK 99645

Date 01/20/02

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Jeffrey L. Rentzel  
P. O. Box 74614  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

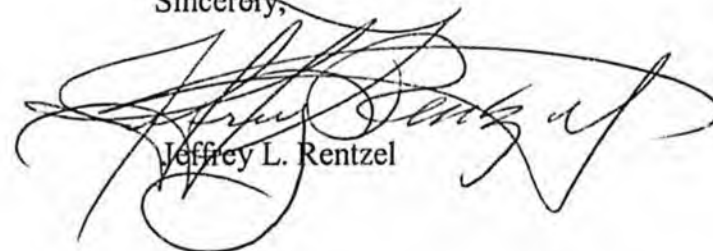
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My name is Jeffrey L. Rentzel and I am a member of the Alaska Juvenile Correctional Officers Association (AJCOA) which supports the passage of HB 248 (20-year retirement for Youth Counselors sponsored by Reps. Williams and Kerttula). This association was formed in the early 1990s to support similar legislation, which passed both the House and Senate at that time. Unfortunately, Governor Hickel vetoed the 20-year bill. Now, the association has been renewed and is made up of Youth Counselor class employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and others. We strongly support the scheduling of a hearing on HB 248 in the House State Affairs Committee so the legislation can be voted on and moved to its next review by House Finance.

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Sincerely,



Jeffrey L. Rentzel

January 20, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Maya Adepoju  
P.O. Box 74768  
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Dear Rep. Coghill,

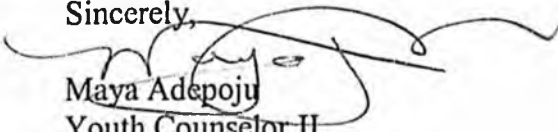
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Maya Adepoju  
Youth Counselor II

January 19, 2002

975 Willow Grove Rd  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

Honorable John Coghill  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Sir,

I am a 25 year resident of Fairbanks. My four children were born and raised in Fairbanks.

I work as a youth counselor at the Fairbanks Youth Facility and I, along with other counselors statewide are working to get HB248 passed. This Bill is in your committee and I urge you to give it a hearing. Youth counselors have had similar Bills before the legislature every session for ten years now. Once, it even got to the governor's desk! We feel it has obvious merit for reasons I'd be happy to enumerate if you so chose.

For now, please give this Bill the chance it deserves.

If there is anything I can do to help support you in this endeavor, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Konefal

January 20, 2002

Rep. John Coghill  
State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

John R. Dehner  
1248-A Grenac Rd.  
Fairbanks, Ak. 99709

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REP. JOHN COGHILL  
STATE CAPITOL ROOM #102  
JUNEAU, AK. 99801-1182

MARLOW K. CONKLEN  
1519 MORRISITY AVE  
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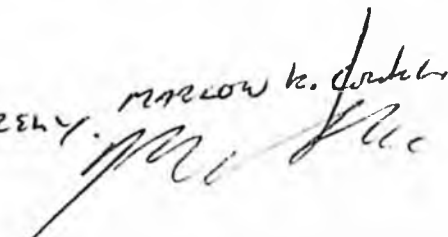
DEAR REP. COGHILL,

MY NAME IS MARLOW K. CONKLEN AND I HAVE IN YOUR DISTRICT, I ALSO WORK FOR THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ) AS A YOUTH COUNSELOR AT THE FAIRBANKS YOUTH FACILITY. I JOINED THE ALASKA JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (AJCOA) RECENTLY TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THE YOUTH COUNSELOR 20-YEAR RETIREMENT LEGISLATION, HB 248.

SIR YOU REALLY NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE TYPE OF YOUTH'S WE HAPPEN TO WORK WITH. A 20-YEAR RETIREMENT PACKAGE IS DESERVE MORE, MORE THAN ANY OTHER GROUP OF EMPLOYEES. YOU PROBABLY KNOW THAT MOST ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES IN DJJ ARE IN THE PEACE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM ALREADY AND HAVE BEEN FOR SOME TIME.

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Theodore Greene

January 22, 2002

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State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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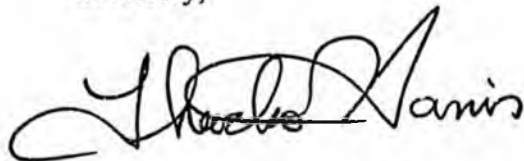
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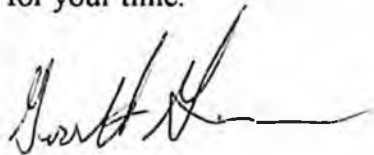
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Garrett Gaines

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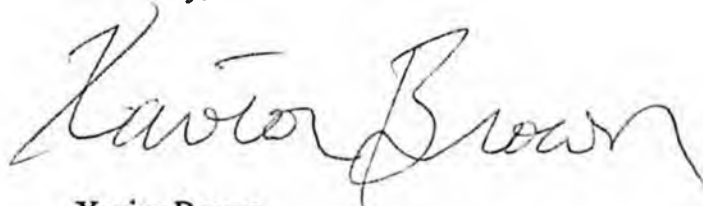
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Xavier Brown

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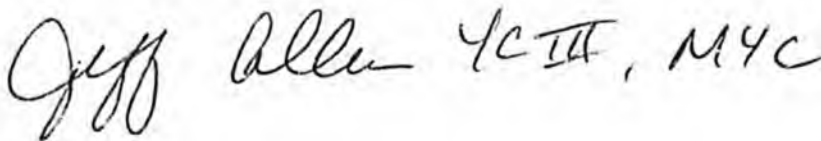
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Jeff Allen

January 22, 2002

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State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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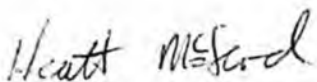
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Heath McLeod

January 22, 2002

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State Capitol Room #102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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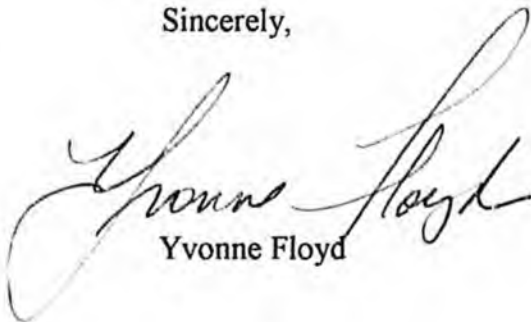
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Sincerely,



Yvonne Floyd

1/25/02

Rep John Coghill  
State Capitol Room # 102  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Vance Conroy  
3186 Monkwood Lane  
North Pole, AK 99705

Dear Rep Coghill,

My name is Vance Conroy. I am a member of the  
ATCOA, which supports HB 248. The bill supports  
a 20 year retirement for Youth Counselors. Youth Counselors  
strongly support HB 248, and the scheduling so the  
legislation can be voted on and moved to its next  
review by House Finance.

ATCOA has a more than 18 year history fighting for fairness  
with fellow PST employees who are in the Peace Officers  
Retirement System. The passage of HB 248 is necessary,  
and I'm sure the House supports the need for fairness.

Please consider swift passage of this legislation out of your  
committee as soon as possible

Sincerely,

Vance Conroy  
VCI

Albert R. Phelan  
Youth Counselor, MSYF  
HC 01 Box 6167  
Palmer, AK 99645

1-21-02

Dear Rep. Coghill,

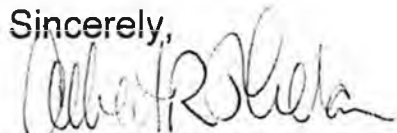
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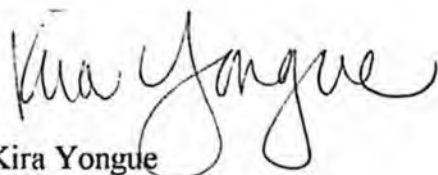
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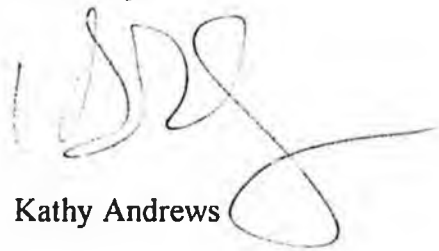
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Kathy Andrews

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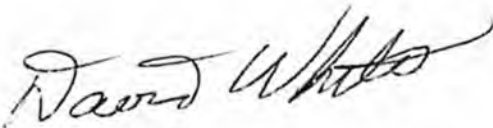
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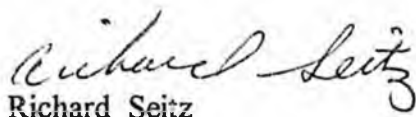
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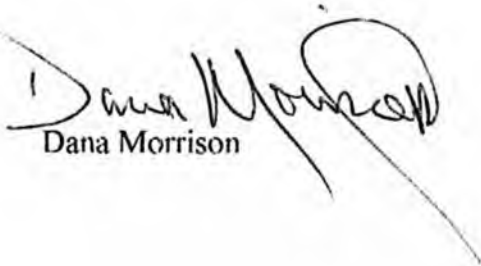
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Christian Gibson