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The Honorable Senator Gray-Jackson
The Honorable Senator Begich
Alaska Senate

Dear Senator Gray-Jackson and Senator Begich,

On behalf of the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP), I am writing to convey our opposition of SB3, "An Act relating to the Alaska Police Standards Council; requiring a peace officer to attempt to de-escalate a situation and use alternative non-lethal methods of engagement before discharging a firearm; and requiring a peace officer to provide an oral warning before discharging a firearm."

The AACOP board of directors recently reviewed this bill and unanimously oppose. Policing regulations and certification should remain with the Alaska Police Standards Council and within individual departments.

Thank you for your commitment to public safety and efforts to address public concern related to the police use of force. AACOP shares your commitment and respectfully offers our assistance in developing and implementing these important policies.

If you wish to ask more questions, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience and we would be happy to share our thoughts. Our Executive Director, Amanda Jacobs can be reached at AACOP@AACOP.ORG or feel free to call me at 907-488-8469.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Directors of AACOP



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