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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 SB1, "An Act prohibiting the use of chokeholds by peace officers; and relating to justification of use of force by peace officers."

The AACOP board of directors recently reviewed this bill. We agree that without proper training the use of chokeholds or carotid restraints can cause serious injury or death. It is not uncommon for many departments in the State to prohibit these types of force unless deadly force is authorized. We believe that police agencies in the State have good policies regarding these uses of force and therefore it is unnecessary to mandate compliance through State Statute.

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.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Directors of AACOP



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