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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 SB4, "An Act relating to justification of use of force by a peace officer; and relating to shooting at a moving vehicle."

The AACOP board of directors recently reviewed this bill. We believe that shooting at a moving vehicle is using deadly force. We believe using the wording "not justified" creates an automatic "at fault" for an officer that uses deadly force in shooting at vehicle. We also believe that police agencies have policies and procedures in effect that deal with this type of incident and therefore it should not governed by a 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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