



ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

"Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat"

April 24, 2007

Honorable Don Young
US House of Representatives
2111 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 99654

Dear Congressman Young,

The Alaska Correctional Officers Association represents seven hundred and fifty Alaska Correctional Officers and their families who work in Anchorage, Bethel, Eagle River, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Nome, Palmer, Seward, and Sutton. On behalf of our members and their families we ask you to support House Bill 1889, the Private Prison Information Act of 2007.

House Bill 1889 will require private prisons, and other correctional facilities holding Federal prisoners under contract with the Federal Government, to make the same information available to the public that Federal prisons and correctional facilities are required to release. We believe this is a very important piece of legislation to level the "playing field" to allow concerned individuals access to like information with which to compare "apples to apples" and "oranges to oranges" when evaluating the merits and liabilities of public and private correctional facilities.

Correctional Officers walk what is perhaps the toughest law enforcement beat in Alaska. We thank you for your dedicated and faithful service to all Alaskans and look forward to advising our members of your support for this important issue.

Sincerely,

Sergeant Danny Colang
Association President