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Ruling on Permanent Fund Dividend

My husband, Fred D. Smith, Ret. LTC, died November 24, 2008 - after residing in Alaska since 1966 (42 years). When I placed a call to the PFD office requesting assistance in filling out a form for him, I was informed that he was not eligible! All these years he remained a resident of Alaska hardly ever leaving the state for any reason.

Does the fact that he died November 24 negate the entire year of his residence? This just doesn't make sense. I think it is way past time that this law be changed. NOW is the time to address this issue and change the rules.

According to a newspaper article (ADN, Monday, February 9, 2008) both Senator Tom Wagoner and Representative Mike Chenault have already been contacted regarding this issue. Hopefully, other members have also been contacted.

I strongly recommend SB 171 and HB 205 be acted upon favorably that would enable the eligibility of my husband to receive the PFD for 2008. I'm sure there are others facing the same dilemma.

Thank you very much for considering this important issue.

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