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The Honorable Mike Hawker  
Member of the House of Representatives  
Alaska Capital, Room 502  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: HB 263 (Hawker) - Support

Dear Representative Hawker:

I want to express my support for HB 263 which will extend the Senior Benefits Program for another four years.

I have worked with elderly and disabled clients as a part time Chore, Personal Care Assistant and Respite worker in Juneau, AK since 2007. I have attended the Senior Lunch Program at Mt View Senior Center over the years with many of these clients. I see their bare cupboards and empty refrigerators at the end of every month, and I hear them tell me with relief in their voices that they have found a ride to the food bank again this month. When a senior has trouble keeping food on the table, you know that other expenses such as medications, visits to the dentist, visits to the eye doctor and new glasses are not getting taken care of either. The Senior Benefits Program seems like the least we can do for those who have carried the work load for the world we see today.

Thanks you for sponsoring this bill,  
Sincerely, Carol Dejka

