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**To:** [Senate Finance Committee](#)  
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Subject: Eliminating AK Performance Scholarship program

Hello. I read in the Alaska Dispatch News that you are proposing a bill to eliminate the Alaska Performance Scholarship program. I see where it would be phased out by 2022 and that if passed students would not be able to apply after July 15th. I wanted to let you know that our family is depending on that program for our son, who graduates next year in 2017. We own a small business and last year when I was diagnosed with breast cancer we incurred a large amount of medical bills that ate away at our savings for his college. My son has been working hard to maintain the best grades he can so that he can qualify for this program and graduate in the top 10% of his class. Please consider amending this proposal to at least include this years Juniors/11th graders as they have already decided by this age where they are wanting to go to college. I hate to use the word "fair" because I get that life is not always fair, BUT this program has been promoted to us each year of high school and now is being ripped out from under us. I don't think this was taken in consideration and I'm hoping that you will change the cut off date.

Thank you,  
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