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Representative Foster
State Capitol, Room 434
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Dear Representative Foster,

The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes is in full support of establishing a day that honors and celebrates Alaskan elders. Our program centers on person centered care and recognizing the contributions that our elders have made to society. HB 142, which establishes Elders' Day, not only pays tribute to Alaskan seniors, but it re-enforces the work that each Alaska Pioneer Home does every day. The celebration of aging and repaying elders with respect is a way of life at the Alaska Pioneer Homes, and we are in full support of the establishment of Elders' Day. We look forward to celebrating this day of honor in the Pioneer Homes on winter solstice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vickie Wilson".

Vickie Wilson
Acting Director
Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes