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Dear Senator Stoltze,

Older Persons Action Group, Inc., publishes Senior Voice, a newspaper distributed statewide each month. Because of our large readership (we publish 11,000+ copies per month) and wide distribution, we feel we would be a good vehicle for legal notices. OPAG requests changing the current statutes defining a "newspaper of general circulation" to the following:

A newspaper of general circulation means:

- 1) Published in print, newspaper format
- 2) Published monthly, or more frequently, for at least five consecutive years and distributed in each of the four Alaska judicial districts
- 3) Has a business mail account and USPS mailing permit
- 4) Is not primarily advertising
- 5) Not produced for a specific professional or occupational group
- 6) Will not publish "Notice of Sales Real Estate" per AS 09.35.140

Our organization believes placing legal notices in Senior Voice will benefit our members, Senior Voice readers, and also those placing the notice, since it will provide an additional method to meet their legal requirements.

The statutes in discussion are AS 44.62.190, 09.35.140 and 09.35.142.

I encourage you to act on this request as soon as possible and to contact me, OPAG executive director Gary Wells or Senior Voice Editor David Washburn should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Leonard T. Kelley, board president Older Persons Action Group, Inc.

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