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## Dear Representative Fields:

The Alaska Alliance for Retired Americans would like to go on record in strong support of HB 96. As an organization that advocates on behalf of people who worked across the state and are now retired, we are encouraged to see legislation that keeps pioneer and veteran home rates affordable.

Many of our members live on fixed incomes yet medical care is becoming increasingly expensive. We are saddened to see the Governor's plan to increase rates at such a pace that most seniors would not be able to stay in our state-run homes. It seems counterintuitive to penalize those who spent a lifetime in public service or in the private workforce by gouging them when they are potentially the most medically vulnerable.

Thank you again for introducing a bill that gives Alaska's elders the respect they have earned.

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Sincerely,

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