



CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

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Representative Dan Ortiz
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Dear Representative Ortiz:

The City & Borough of Wrangell (CBW) is prepared to fund fifty percent (50%) of a position for a Wrangell-dedicated Protective Service Specialist within the Office of Children's Services. The CBW will also provide dedicated office space for that individual. Wrangell has been woefully underserved by OCS for more than a decade. The apex of underservice was the death of one child and the serious injury of two others upon return to a parent without appropriate onsite, local review of the circumstances by OCS.

Just weeks ago an OCS staff member advised a reporting faculty member at Wrangell Public Schools that a child would not be removed from a home unless there was physical injury sufficient enough to warrant hospital care.

Wrangell refuses to let our children fall through the cracks in a failed system. The CBW will cost share with the State to ensure our vulnerable youth are being protected.

Sincerely,

Stephen Prysunka, Mayor