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Dear Finance Community

my name is Essie Frank
alm a care giver from
Fairbanks I've been
a care giver 35+ years
altake care of my mom
She Stage 4 Kidney failure
Complex migraine. Vertigo
2 strokes she only get
1 hour 6 days paid she
lives with me my daughter
has SMA Rare Stomach
disease, Functional dysplasia
Gastroprosis and I cant
get paid my other clients
need more care only I
see with HB96 it will
help them get care they
need and the pay us
Care givers need to afford
our bills food repairs
they just raised my rent
to 1300 please pass
HB96. Essie Frank

ESSIE FRANK

829 17TH AVE

152

FAIRBANKS, AK 99701

HI MY NAME IS ALESHIA LOCKHART
I'm an active caregiver in Anchorage
Alaska. I have been an active caregiver
for over 10 years. I'm asking for the
Finance Committee to help in providing more
money for caregivers in the budget by
passing HB96 and SB154. Because this
bill once passed would get the things
that caregivers need to be heard and
their PATA share of rate. Please
support in getting HB96 and SB154
passed

Thank you
Aleshia Lockhart.

ALESHIA LOCKHART
1200 W. DIAMOND DR.
SPACE 1049
ANCHORAGE, AK 99515

To the Finance Committee,

I am Teresa Ellis
I live Muldoon side of Anchorage
been doing caregiving over
18 year since 2002.

I am writing to ask
you to support for money
in the budget for
home care services and
ask you to pass the
HB 96 / SB 154.

There are many clients
who needs this service
we as caregivers provide
them such as meals,
bathing, housekeeping,
medication reminders
and many need companionship.
This could be your
family member.

Sincerely,
Teresa Ellis

THEREJA ELLIS
8850 CENTENNIAL CIR.
APT. 207
ANCHORAGE, AK 99504

MAUREEN TYSKIEWICZ
920 E. NEVDR
ANCHORAGE, AK 99504

Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Maureen Tyskiewicz. I live in Anchorage Alaska. I have been a resident of AK for 12 years.

I am a caregiver to my 5 year old son. My son's needs are both physical and cognitive delays. Mark's needs will be life long.

I am writing to ask you to support more money in the budget for in home care. Please support the passage of HB 96/154. The passage of this bill is a life line for our family.

I am 68 and we are providing support in the home. Soon we will need outside staff to provide these in home supports. The number of caregivers is skyrocketing due to the low wages and no health care benefits. Your support of this bill will

help secure ~~at~~ more caregivers,
providing more at home covers
for my son.

Please vote in favor of
HB 96/SB 154.

Sincerely,
Maureen Tyskiewicz

February 27, 2026

Alaska State Legislature – Finance Committee

Juneau, Alaska

Chair and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Jenalie Tao, and I am a caregiver here in Alaska, advocating for the passage of HB 96 and SB 154, and for increased funding in the state budget for home care and PCA services. I am in Juneau to speak for caregivers, seniors, people with disabilities, and the families who depend on us every day.

Alaska is facing a severe caregiving workforce crisis. Low wages, outdated Medicaid rates, and chronic underfunding have pushed many caregivers out of the field. This leaves elders and people with disabilities without the stable, consistent care they need to remain safely in their homes and communities.

HB 96 and SB 154 are essential because they create the Home Care Employment Standards Advisory Board, finally giving caregivers, seniors, disability advocates, and providers a voice in the Medicaid rate-setting process. For the first time, the people who provide hands-on care will be included in decisions that directly affect wages, workforce stability, and client safety.

However, these bills cannot succeed without increased funding in the state budget. Agencies cannot recruit or retain workers without competitive wages. Clients cannot receive reliable care when the workforce is unstable. Without investment, Alaska risks deeper shortages, more institutionalization, and higher long-term costs to the state.

I respectfully ask the Finance Committee to:

- Increase Medicaid funding for home care and PCA services so agencies can pay competitive wages.
- Support HB 96 and SB 154 to ensure caregivers have a voice in rate-setting.
- Protect seniors and people with disabilities by stabilizing the workforce that keeps them safe at home.
- Ensure transparency and accountability so public dollars reach the workers providing the care.

Caregivers are the backbone of Alaska's long-term care system. We love our work, but love alone cannot support our families. Investing in caregivers is investing in the safety, dignity, and independence of the people we serve.

Thank you for your time and for considering the needs of Alaska's caregiving workforce.

Sincerely,

Jenali Tao

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenali M. Tao". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "T".

JENALI TAG
8050 PIONEER DR
ANCHORAGE, AK 99504

SASHA JOHNSON
400 CAPRICORN CIR
ANCHORAGE AK 99508

Dear Finance Committee

My name is Sasha. I am from Anchorage. I have been a caregiver for twenty-one years. I took over taking care of my Aunt from my mom when I was eighteen. She lives with me so our bills are the same. I am writing to ask you to support more money in the budget for caregivers for Home care and to support HB 96/SB 154. It creates an advisory board for caregivers and clients, and gives us a voice in the process and gives us a fair share of rates. This would really be a relief for me & my Aunt who lives with me so that I may better care for her and give her the care she needs.

Sincerely

Sasha Johnson
Sasha Johnson

QUEEN MARY
TIALAUELA
7505 BOUNDARY AVE
SPC 97
ANCHORAGE AK 99504

DEAR FINANCE COMMITTEE

MY NAME IS Queen Mary
TIALAUELA AND I'M FROM
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. I'M A
CARE GIVER.

I AM WRITING TO ASK YOU
PLEASE TO SUPPORT MORE
MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR
IN HOME CARE AND TO ASK
YOU TO PASS H.B. 96/SB 154

WITH ALL THAT IS SAID, IT WILL
SUPPORT CAREGIVER WITH THEIR
CLIENT. WAGES WILL GO UP,
CAREGIVER WILL HAVE MORE TIME
WITH LOVE ONES - TRAIN ON HANDS
COLLEGE TO LEARN THE SKILLS.
HEALTH INSURANCE FOR WORKERS.
MORE HOURS TO WORK, QUALITY OF
CARES, HAPPINESS AND ABLE TO PAY
OUR BILLS.

DEPRESSION IS VERY SERIOUS

THANKS
Q.M.

Дорогой Комитет по Финансам.

Моё имя Olga Zolotov

Я проживаю в Delta Jet АК

Я работаю Работником по уходу на дому 17 лет

I'm writing to you Ask, to support more
money in Budget for in Home Care, and Ask you
to Pass ~~HB 96~~ H.B. 96 / SB 154

Работа помощи на дому в Delta Jet усложняется
ещё тем что расстояние между пунктами назначения
значительно длинее чем в городах. И за дорогу по
доставки клиента к месту назначения работникам по
уходу не платят. Поэтому работникам приходится
делать это за свой счёт. Часов клиентам дают
очень мало. Пример: Моёй клиентки 87 лет
у неё 4,5 часа в неделю. За такое время
не возможно оказать даже самую необходимую
помощь. В компании говорят что бюджет не
позволяет прибавлять часы. Оплата у работников
очень низкая \$18 per hour. Я очень надеюсь
на Ваше понимание, ведь наверное почти у каждого
есть близкие люди (мамы, папы, бабушки, дедушки,
родные у которых есть инвалидность) которые
нуждаются в помощи на дому.

Я очень надеюсь на поддержку с Вашей
стороны.

С уважением Olga Zolotov

OLGA ZOLOTU

4973 ARCTIC GRAYLING AVE
DELTA JUNCTION, AK 99731

Уважаемый Комитет
финансов.

I Alexander Antoshin
НСИУ в Delta Junction.
работую карегвером в
Аласка Home Care № перевиной
лет.

I am writing to Ask You
to support for In Home Care
and to Ask You to Pass HB 96/WNY/

Из-за недостаточного финанси-
рования наши инвалиды и
пенсионеры не могут получить
квалифицированную помощь.

15 минут на посещение магазина
очень мало. Дорога не удовлетворяется.
Госпиталь и магазин одежды
на расстоянии 100 миль.

Дорога не оправдывается,
бензин не оправдывается,
время ожидания клиента в
колес не оправдывается.

Недостаточно часов на
обслуживание клиентов.

ALEXANDER AVIGMIN
4973 ARCTIC GRAYLING AV
DELTA JUNCTION, AK
99717

Dear Finance Committee:

My name is Pearlle Graham-Pratt
I'm from Anchorage, Alaska,
Muldoon Area.

I am a caregiver (a lifetime job)

I am writing to ask you for your support
more money in the budget for in home care
and to ask you to please help in passing
HB96 the reason being is because we need
to be able to care for ourselves, our families
and our clients, this is an important tool
for our society, please help us to
the well needed people in the state of
Alaska because why would people want
to retire here if they can't receive
life preserving care.

PEARLLE GRAHAM PRATT

1400 MULDOON RD

#104

ANCHORAGE AK 99504

Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Brenda James.
I've been a caregiver for 45
years.

I am very concerned about
my role as a caregiver and what
to I or us @ SEIU 775 Union
are suppose to make good
things happen with medicaid and
a raise with our Employer, who
is Visiting Angels. I work
with them because my brother
was a vietnam vet so I am
committed to my veterans.

If fully funded we could
give our clients more hours, have
medical insurance for ourselves,
paid training, and able for more
than just getting our rent paid
and get a vacation.

I am asking for support
for money in Homecare and Support
HR96/HR154.

Thank you, Brenda James

BRENDA JAMES

1101 KELLUM ST

APT. C103

FAIRBANKS, AK 99701

Dear Finance Comitee
my name is tara eden shaw
I'm a Tlingit & Haida from Mt.
Edgcomb, Alaska known today as
Sitka, AK

Anchorage is my home now.
where I raised my family + work.
I became a caregiver 25 years
ago as a way to provide for my
children as a single parent + 3.
I am writing to you today to
advocate for myself, the caregivers
and the elders of Alaska.

Caregiving makes a big difference
in someone else's life, the ongoing
demands of caring for an elder can
put a strain on the most resilient
person.

Will you support more money
in the budget for in home
care and pass HBI 96 and SB
154. For the caregivers more
money will mean that, if we
had a fully funded system
be able to have benefits +
peace of mind.

TARA EDEN SHAW
4116 W 88TH AVE
APT 3
ANCHORAGE AK 99502

Will you support
more money in the Budget
for In home care and PASS #B
SB/154?

Thank you for your time
Tara Edenshaw

TOWDA LINDA
11836 W. 3RD
APT. A1

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Good Afternoon Ladies & Gentleman of ~~Congress~~ The committee

Thank you for allowing me the time to speak to you today.

my name is Tonda, I am from the MatSu Valley and have been a caregiver for 23 years. I became a caregiver to be able to appropriately care for a family member. but I truly believe this is what I was created to do.

Alaska's health care system is failing. Due to stagnant wages & a lack of oversight, our most vulnerable citizens are suffering inadequate care: Pt's going w/o meals, essential hygiene/showers & basic medical monitoring. Worker Burnout: HC workers are pushed to the max because agencies cannot recruit new HC workers or pay necessary OT. Safety Risks: This neglect leads to preventable falls, malnutrition, ~~infect~~ infections and sadly Depression & Suicides.

The current model is fiscally irresponsible: A nursing home bed in AK costs \$30,000+ per month. Home care is a fraction of that cost yet we continue to lose ~~caregivers~~ ^{100 caregivers} ~~workforce~~ to entry level Retail jobs that pay more.

The Average caregiver wages (\$16-\$19/hr) do not meet the \$3,000+ monthly cost of living in AK.

Tax payer dollars allocated by Congress are not reaching the healthcare workers. It's being lost in administrative overhead. If we don't ~~fund~~ fund ^{caregivers} ~~workforce~~ now, The state will pay 10x more later in ER visits & institutionalizations. ~~workforce~~

I respectfully Ask/urge The legislature to take the following Actions...

- Allocate more money in the 2026 Budget for ~~health care workers~~ ^{caregivers} to receive an ~~AP~~ Appropriate Living Wage.

- Pass HB 96 & SB 154 to give ~~workers~~ ^{caregivers} ~~workers~~ a voice and makes sure we get a fair share of money to care for ourselves and our families.

Thank you again for your time today.
Have a Blessed day.

Dear Finance Committee

My name is Jeanne Taylor

I live in Beluga Alaska and I

have been a care giver for 40 years

It is hard work especially when you are not giving a nurse hours for the people we as care givers need to care for them properly if there is more money in the Budget for the care givers that turns into more hours and better care for ~~the~~ the people we work for. Where I work at there is only one care giver so it is hard.

I am also asking you help support ~~more~~ more money in the budget for this and pass ~~the~~ Bill HB 96 / SB 154

Jeanne Taylor

JEANNE TAYLOR
BELUGA HWY
BELUGA, AK 99695

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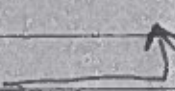
Michael George

MICHAEL GEORGE
3789 MUD DAY RD
HAINES, AK 99827

Dear Finance Committee,
My name is Michael George
and I have been a caregiver,
Personal Care Attendant and
Nurse Assistant for 25 years
in Haines Alaska.

I am writing this letter
to ask you kindly to
support more money in the
Budget for In Home Care!

And to ask you to Pass HB96/
SB154

Please do this for the
Following reasons: 

① This would put more money into the hands of caregiver who would then be able to have a better quality of Life and more time for family and themselves.

② It would give clients more hours for help and activities and for someone to listen to them.

③ Caregivers would get paid to train and get licensed and given the tools to understand

Michael George

their client to prevent injuries and deaths, which I have experienced with newly hired Caregivers who were not trained well enough or not at all.

- More Funding would create a bigger pool of Caregivers which would enable more clients to stay and live in their own home and not have to get help somewhere else in a strange place like an Assisted Living →

MICHAEL GEORGE
3789 MUD BAY RD
HAINES, AK 99827

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Facility.

Dear F.C.

Hello! My name is Garnet Morey, I am a caregiver in Nikolai and Anchor Point, Alaska, for 3 years now. One client is a Veteran with PTSD, and my other is a non-verbal, wild-child ~~teenager~~ teenager that I've helped since 2019, being his Special Education teacher. My Veteran gets me for 11 hours a week. She needs more hours, I never get to finish the needed cleaning. I work OFF the CLOCK TOO MUCH. I do sleep overs when she needs me, and it's my own time, no pay, because getting the hours a client TRULY needs... IS HARD. She is often chair-bound and cannot move without

GARNET MOREY
64026 BOLOTNA RD
NIKOLAEVSK, AK
99556

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assistance so she doesn't fall.

My Autistic client, has 18 hours a week, and I share those with his other caregiver. I get 8-10 hours to help his mom. There's times that my 2-hour shift is over, but I just CANNOT leave yet. The boy has seizures. My shift is over, but he has one, and I WILL NOT leave his mom to help him get through it, I will stay and help her clean up the mess that happens. This is the HAZARDOUS part of my job, as there is vomit, feces and urine and NO TIME to get PP gear on in an instant emergency. None of that matters, The BOY matters!!

GARNET MOREY
64026 BOLOTNA RD
NIKOLAEVSK, AK
99556

~~I need~~
~~I am telling you~~
~~that we need~~
~~some more~~
~~of this~~

I am writing to ask
you to PLEASE support
putting more money in
the budget for
IN-HOME-CARE and
to ask you to pass HB96/
SB154

Thank you
Garnet Morey

GARNET MOREY
64026 BOLOTNA RD
NIKOLAEVSK, AK
99556

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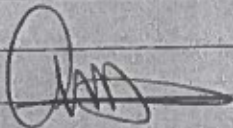
Dear Finance Commi

Hello!

I'm Amy Backas from
Homer and a caregiver
of 15 years.

I love my job but
find it increasingly
challenging to take
excellent care of my
clients due to lack of
funds in the budget.
These are people's lives here.

Please support more
money in the budget for
in-home care and ~~to~~
pass ~~and~~ HB 96
HB 96 / SB 154.

 Thank You,

AMY BACKAS
Homer, AK

AMY BACKAS
P.O. Box 640
HOMER, AK 99603

Olena S.

Letter to finance committee
3/11/26

I am Olena and I am
caregiver from Wasillo.

I work as a caregiver
for 6 years.

I am immigrant from
Ukraine and it took me
a lot of time and struggle
to adjust to the life in
United States.

I work with the family
now, who has 3 adult
kids with mental disability.
When I am at work their
mental state influence
me very much. I want
to make their life,
their emotional life
easier. One of the
help my clients need
every day, it is just
to go out in the
nature, to relax by

OLENA SLEPETS

Breathing in fresh air
But the budget is not
enough for it. Because
we get only money to take
them to doctors or
go to the store to buy
necessity. We don't have
money for other trips.

Infection is higher,
gas is more expensive,
car repairs also.

I can't allow even if I
would want to pay
for simple trips to
the nature or to
the river to balance out
their life. I barely able
to cover my own expenses.

Because medicare for the
family is cutted, we also
have less hours to work
and get less money.

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Olena S.

OLENA SLEPETS

We often risk our life
working with clients with
mental disabilities.

They often make spontane-
ly movements, going out
and conversations.

For these clients going
out on the nature - it is
the same like taking
medicine...

I am asking you to
fund our budget so we
as a caregivers and
also our clients can
have more stable life.
(particularly mental).

Olena Slepets

VANESSA LISTON
13840 SHANGWLA RD
WASILLA, AK 99623

Dear Insurance Committee,

My Name is Vanessa Liston
and I live in the Mat-Su.

I would like to take
a moment to share what
its like in my world.

In the matter and care
given for my youngest
son. In 1999 he was
16 and was a passenger
in a car on the Talkeetna
Highway. He was the direct
hit of a Head On Car accident
that has left him with
impairments so bad he
is now 24 hr care.

After all the litigation
and 4 yrs of Legal Affairs
Medicaid took his Wives
for his care as I could
not afford his Enormous
Medical Expenses leaving
him dependent on State
Services.

VANESSA LISTON
13840 SHANGWLA RD
WASILLA, AK 99623

Its been 27 yrs now
and now I live alone
with him to over see
him 24 hr a day.

My Biggest fear today
is I'm aging out and
what will happen when
I die.

My Ward is my son,
He gets the Best Care he
will ever get and yet
Every year is a challenge
of charges, Those charges
affect many disabilities
and my opportunity to care
myself for him, Yet I
save the State A lot of money
by keep him home. A lot!
To Place him would triple
his cost of care, He would
have to be placed in a
Medical Facility at triple
the cost. So who wins
there?

VANESSA LISTON
13840 SHANGNLA RD
WASILLA, AK 99623

I'm hoping and praying
this year don't take
more service hrs away
as it's close to losing
my home because of
raising costs and I'm
barely making it now.

I support more money
as it's so needed and
hoping H.B. 96 & SB 154
pass this year.

Thank you for your
time reading this.

Sincerely

Vanessa Liston

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Dear Finance Committee

My name is Crystal and I live
in ~~Wasilla~~ Wasilla, but I'm
originally from Upper Kalskag

Some of the obstacles that
I have had during my 12 yrs
of being a caregiver were
lack of hours ~~to~~ my clients
truly needs so their health
and well being are falling
through the cracks. Others
are hospital visits, I had
to minister meds to a client (3x
via feeding tube my client ^{today})
suffered from Parkinsons disease
and had a feeding tube placed
because he couldn't swallow
liquids. ~~He~~ he had limited
mobility so I had to help
him to take a shower, which
included transporting him from
his bed, to wheel chair @ to

CRYSTAL RICHARDSON
WASILLA, AK

675 E. KELTON KNOB C
UNIT 4

WASILLA, AK 99654

help
the shower, ~~to~~ bathe him,
help him get dressed and
back to the wheel chair and
to either back ~~to~~ to either
a chair or to his bed.

Thank you
Crystal Richardson
Wasilla

CRYSTAL RICHARDSON
WASILLA, AK

675 E. KELTON KNOB C.
UNIT 4

WASILLA, AK 99654

March 12, 2026

Dear Finance Committee,

Hello, My name is:
Edna Sergie. I live along
side the Kuskokwim river.
In between Bethel.

(Which is 35 to 45 minute
flight) And Aniak (12 to 15
minutes)

Most of my young life
helping Elders (Mother included)
with no pay.

She lives on one end of
the village, and I on the
other end. Walking to/from
to help.

I recently started
working for Br
Home Care as a
Just to help
friend. Wh
dad, mother
Aunts and
She ha

EDNA SERGIE
BLOCK 1, LOT 13
BOUNDARY ST.
LOWER KALSKAG, AK
99692

Lot of wieght. Isolating
herself at home. No help
with her relatives.

Out of kindness of
my heart. I've decided
to help her get herself
back.

Edna Sergie
Edna Sergie

EDNA SERGIE
BLOCK 1, LOT 13
BOUNDARY ST.

LOWER KALSKAG, AK
99692

ANJANETTE HAGE
846 FOREST PARK DR
KETCHIKAN, AK 99901

DEAR FINANCE COMMITTEE,

MY NAME IS ANJANETTE
HAGE FROM KETCHIKAN.
I HAVE BEEN A CAREGIVER
FOR 7 YEARS.

I AM WRITING TO ASK
YOU TO SUPPORT MORE MONEY
BUDGET FOR IN HOME CARE,
AND TO ASK YOU TO PASS
HR 96/SB154.

MY CLIENT IS MY MOM,
SHE IS ALMOST BLIND AND ONLY
ALLOWED 21 HOURS A WEEK.
EXAMPLE 15 MINUTES A DAY
TO DO LAUNDRY IS ONLY ALLOWED.
IT WOULD COST OVER \$10,000
FOR MEDICAID TO PAY FOR
HER TO LIVE IN AN ELDERLY
FACILITY (A MONTH) IF YOU
HAVE AN ELDERLY THAT YOU
CARE ABOUT AND TAKE CARE
OF, THEN YOU KNOW IT IS
A LOT OF WORK AS WELL
TIME CONSUMING! PLEASE

SUPPORT RAISES FOR
CARE GIVERS! THANK YOU!

SINCERELY,
Anjanette Hage
2/12/26

846 FOREST PARK
KETCHIKAN, AK
99901

ANJANETTE HAGE
846 FOREST PARK DR
KETCHIKAN, AK 99901

SONSHINE KONOVALOVA
489 ELDER DERRY DR #2
HOMER, AK 99603

Dear Finance Committee:

my name is Sonshine Konovalova
I'm from Homer, AK
and I have been a
caregiver for 14 years.

I am writing to ask
you to support more
money in budget for
in Homer and to
ask you to pass HB96/
SB154

As a caregiver working
with clients for 14
years. this is important
to me because we
don't get paid enough
for all the work we do.
We are First Responders,
CPR certified, work hard
as caregivers. I work
for multiple companies.

SONSHINE KONOVALA
489 ELDER DERRY DR #2
HOMER, AK 99603

as a caregiver ~~the~~ ^{medical escort}
services I provide is
PCA, Respite, VA, chore,
private pay, Emergency
overnight care for
outside of Homer
sometimes up to 72 hours straight
We are short on caregivers
and there are no
substitutes to cover
for clients. Our clients
are only given a certain
amount of hours, and if
you do medical escort to
Anchorage, Medicaid
will pay the plane ticket,
the company will pay
only 8 hours per day
but overnight with
or client, the client
is responsible to pay
the rest of the hours
that u worked. Some
clients cant afford to

SONSHINE KONOVALOVA
489 ELDER DERRY DR #2
HOMER, AK 99603

pay the caregiver
because they are on
a low income budget.
If we driving a client
to Soldotna, the
company will only
pay 500 miles per
month. Caregivers are
spending their own \$ on gas to
provide
with this Bill more \$
will be put in the Healthcare
system and as caregivers
we can provide quality care,

Thank you.
Sunshine
Konvalov

SUSAN GILL
20945 PEARL ST.
KASLOF, AK 99610

DEAR Finance Committee,

I'm writing to ask
you to support more
money in the budget
for home care, and
ask you to Pass HB 96/
SB 184.

Our caregivers
in Alaska are the
lowest paid in
all of the states. We
need more money to
pay our bills - electric
fuel, rent, food.

I'm writing to ask
for your consideration.

Susan Gill
from Kaslof, AK 99610
I've been caregiving
most of my life.
Thank you Susan Gill

Dear Finance committee

I'm Ruth Mitchell
I'm from Anchor Point & Homer
Alaska

I'm ^{writing to} asking you to support
more money in Budget for
in Home care & to ask you
to pass HB 96 / SB 154

Why to have a Board is
is help hold agents accountable
then we have a part of
of plans and by laws
so that no one falls
through the cracks

We are here to
give family's breaks
so then they can
give them better care
When they are on point
it is giving tools
to help them in life

RUTH MITCHELL
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and by been there
for them they become
family and you apart
of their family.
it is not a bed of
roses, it is sticking
thru the goad and
bad coming to board
that is not easily baiting

Thanks you
from SEIU 775
Ruth Mitchell
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Dear Finance Committee

This is Theresa D. Heitman
A Caregiver from Ketchikan
and Fairbanks Alaska

This letter is part of a
team effort to join in with
all my co-caregivers from all over
Alaska.

We as Caregivers Love our jobs
and without restrictions and
boundries that Limit our services,
want to offer the best caregiving to the
Best of our Abilities.

Our services are a combination of
Medicaid, the State Health Social
Services, care coordinator agencies,
the clients we serve, ~~and~~ caregivers.

We have seen the results of the
study the state did, stating Medicaid
is 35% underfunded.

Our biggest request as caregivers
is to see if your office could
fully fund Medicaid.

All because we want the Best
Quality of care and services
possible to enhance our clients

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Quality of Life,

If Medicaid is fully funded
Caregivers + clients and their
families will be so much better
served.

We can actually get hours of
services added to our clients
needs so they can be better
served for the tasks +
services they need. which
include Daily Living skills,
Shopping, ride to and from
medical Appointments etc.
Help with physical Limitations
and beyond.

Thank you for all
you do. Please consider
how important it is for
Medicaid's recipients to
receive full services.

Our community + people
we serve will be so
improved.

Sharon D Hestrich
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Dear Finance committee,
I am Francis Dalton from
Hoonah, A.K. I have
been a caregiver^{er} for
seven years.

I am writing to ask
you to support more
money in home care
and to ask you to pass
HB 96/SB 154.

It matters so
caregivers are able to

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get their bills paid and
get their needs met as
well. We also in need of
our own health care.

Also our clients need more
hrs so they don't have to
pay out of pocket.

Guna/chéesh
from:
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