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Hello, My name is Claire Reed.

I am a special education teacher with LKSD in Bethel, AK. I have lived and worked here for 8 years now. Bethel is my home. My daughter has started 3 year old preschool in our district. I believe in public education and will always advocate for the best services to be available for our students.

Please take this emailed testimony in support of **HB 246 - Increase the Special Education Services Agency's (SESA) funding.**

As a special ed teacher in a rural district, we rely heavily on SESA's amazing specialists to provide resources, in-person trainings, Zoom trainings, consults, brainstorming, in-person student support, and many many other things.

Having SESA on my side, as a teacher in a rural setting, has greatly improved my confidence and efficacy as a teacher. I learn something each year from these specialists.

They care about and support our students in real, concrete, and extremely helpful ways.

Please increase their funding, so they may continue to service our students in rural Alaska.

Thank you!

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