



House Transportation Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Dear Members of the House Transportation Committee,

On behalf of the members of AGEnet who are dedicated to services for older Alaskans, I urge your support of House Bill 26, "An act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan."

Transportation for senior citizens and people with disabilities of all ages is essential for their ability to live independently, being able to access community activities and resources, ranging from shopping to medical clinics. Local municipalities and community agencies apply to the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT&PF) which coordinates Federal Transit Administration funds in order to help communities pay for new buses and operation expenses around the state. Those members of AGEnet who offer transportation services are very familiar with the application and reporting process required by Alaska DOT&PF and understand its essential role in maintaining transportation options for those citizens who are unable to drive.

We believe that HB 26 will help secure transportation options for Alaskans from all walks of life, in every area of the state. It is our hope that passage of HB26 will represent a meaningful step toward strengthening the connections of our people, within each community as well as among communities throughout Alaska.

Thank you again for your consideration of my request. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone as shown below my signature. We appreciate your support of older Alaskans as they strive to live in their own homes for as long as possible.

Sincerely,

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