



January 29, 2026

Representative Will Stapp
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Stapp,

On behalf of the members of AGEnet, thank you for introducing House Bill 255, the Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle. We appreciate your leadership in proposing a voluntary, innovative funding mechanism to strengthen services for older Alaskans across the state.

Allowing Alaskans to voluntarily direct a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend toward senior services while participating in a raffle is an excellent way to raise awareness of older Alaskans' issues and help ensure their needs are met. We support this approach as a responsible way to generate dedicated funding without supplanting or competing with existing senior programs.

As you know, Alaska has the fastest growing senior population in the nation. As Alaska's population continues to age, and prices continue to rise, particularly in rural and remote communities, demand for senior services is increasing faster than existing funding streams.

The bill's allocation structure thoughtfully prioritizes critical needs among Alaska's aging population. By directing 50 percent of grant funding to home-delivered meals, 25 percent to senior transportation services, and 25 percent to supportive housing services, HB 255 recognizes the essential role these programs play in helping older Alaskans remain healthy, independent, and connected to their communities.

As Alaska's senior population continues to grow, sustainable and dedicated funding sources will be increasingly important to meet rising demand for nutrition, transportation, housing stability, and related supports. HB 255 offers a practical, voluntary tool to help meet these needs while empowering Alaskans to directly support senior services statewide.

Thank you for your work on behalf of older Alaskans. We respectfully urge your colleagues to support HB 255 and look forward to continued collaboration to strengthen Alaska's senior services system.

Sincerely,

Marianne Mills, President



Emily F. Ennis, Executive Director

FAIRBANKS RESOURCE AGENCY

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January 26, 2026

Representative Will Stapp
State Capitol Room 500
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Stapp,

Fairbanks Resource Agency submits this letter of support for House Bill No. 255 – Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle.

Fairbanks Resource Agency (FRA) is a non-profit Alaska corporation dedicated to assuring that Interior Alaskans with disabilities and their families have equal opportunity to be fully included in the community where education, employment, housing, recreation, and family services are available in the same places, at the same times, and with the same respect afforded any member of the community.

FRA's Senior Services program serves Interior Alaska seniors with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias, as well as those with frail health conditions, through chore services and respite care. The department also provides support to non-paid caregivers through the National Family Caregiver Support Program and its Caregiver Support Forum.

As noted in your sponsor statement, Alaska's population is aging, and senior service providers are facing increased demand and rising costs. FRA supports HB 255 because it "offers a creative, Alaska-specific solution that builds on an existing system Alaskans are familiar with – the Permanent Fund Dividend – to strengthen long-term support for seniors without increasing taxes or mandatory fees."

FRA supports House Bill No. 255 – Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle because it allows our state residents to directly contribute to the well-being of our aging population through voluntary donation when applying for the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend.

Sincerely,

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Lynette Falke
Chief Operating Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Cloyd' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wendy Cloyd
Community Development Director

Dear Representative Stapp,

On behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program (administered by the Nikiski Senior Center), thank you for introducing House Bill 255, the Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle. We appreciate your leadership in proposing a voluntary, innovative funding mechanism to strengthen services for older Alaskans across the state.

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Sincerely,
Dani Kebschull

Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program Coordinator

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February 19, 2025

Dear Representative Stapp,

On behalf of the Alaska Commission on Aging, thank you for introducing House Bill 255, the Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle. We appreciate your leadership in proposing a voluntary, innovative funding mechanism to strengthen services for older Alaskans across the state.

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Sincerely,

Marty Lange - Executive Director
Alaska Commission on Aging

Robert Sivertsen - Chair
Alaska Commission on Aging



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Dear Representative Stapp,

On behalf of Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc., thank you for introducing House Bill 255, the Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle. We appreciate your leadership in proposing a voluntary, innovative funding mechanism to strengthen services for older Alaskans across the state.

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Sincerely,

Amy Durand

Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc.