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Representative David Guttenberg  
State Capital  
Room 418  
Juneau, AK. 99801

Reference: Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks

Dear Representative Guttenberg:

As the 2007 Legislative session begins, Veterans organizations are again requesting Legislative support for the establishment of a Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks. You will recall that the American Legion, Department of Alaska, at their 2005 State Convention in Kodiak voted unanimously in support of that cemetery. Most noteworthy is that the resolution calling for a new veteran's cemetery came from our Anchorage American Legion comrades who recognized the only existing veteran's cemetery in Alaska is located at Fort Richardson.

We have met with Federal Veterans Affairs officials, State Veterans Affairs personnel, American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Alaska Native Veterans, members of the Order of The Purple Heart and other veterans organizations who all strongly support your bill to establish a second veterans cemetery to serve the desperate need for a final resting ground for those many who have served our country in times of war and peace.

The need for a new veteran's cemetery is urgent as the few veterans' sites available will soon be filled with no provision existing for veteran's grave anywhere in the interior.

Please share this letter with other members of the Legislature.

For God and Country,

Darrell Peterson, Commander