**TO**: Representative Wes Keller, Chairman

House Health & Social Services Committee

**FROM:** Representative Mike Hawker

**DATE:** January 19, 2011

**RE:** House Bill 16

I request that House Bill 16, which would extend the Senior Benefits Program, be scheduled for a hearing at your earliest convenience. The program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2011. Early passage of this legislation will help ensure peace of mind for the Alaskan seniors who rely on this monthly benefit.

I have attached a Sponsor Statement, a copy of the bill, and background material for your review.

Please feel free to contact me, or my legislative aide, Rena Delbridge at 465-6959, if you need any additional information.