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Dear Senators Kelley and Meyer:

I am writing this letter to urge for continued support of TVEP funding for the Delta Career Advancement Center/ Partners for Progress in Delta Junction. SB139 and HB278 provide this needed support. This program has made a significant difference in our area in providing career and technical education such as the Certified Nurse Assistant course as well as welding, heavy equipment courses. This assists our community to help build Alaska's solid workforce.

Specifically, in Delta, the programs delivered at the Center through Partners for Progress in Delta Junction, a 501c3 educational consortium named a State of Alaska Regional Training Center in 2008 by the Legislature, are life changing.

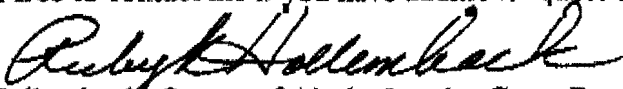
Partners for Progress in Delta Junction, educational partners are the Delta Greely School District, Alaska Works Partnership, University of Alaska Fairbanks Community and Technical College and the Cooperative Extension service. Each entity brings its own expertise. As a retired Bilingual and Indian Education Educator, I see the difference it makes in improving skills and learning new skills for our students.

I am seeking classes that will help with our family business and continue my education through three credit classes and workshops and seminars such as small business on tax reporting for agriculture. I look forward to the construction of the stand-alone expansion. This new facility for Partners for Progress in Delta will provide additional classroom space and a Department of Environmental conservation approved kitchen, which will jump start a number of small businesses using agricultural products. This has been an identified need in this community for years. The kitchen will be able to provide such programs as Meals on Wheels for seniors and a base kitchen for Bureau of Land's firefighters as has been needed in previous years. The High School Construction Trades program has enriched because of Partners for Progress in Delta. The Delta Career Advancement Center is the place to go to become aware of and pursue career options that result in a job, promotion or new avenue for career advancement.

Again, I urge continued support of TVEP funding for the DCAC/Partners for Progress in Delta Junction.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,


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