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*Senator Bill Stoltze
Alaska Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801-1182*

Dear Senator Bill Stoltze,

North Star Council on Aging (NSCoA) completely supports the reauthorization of Alaska Commission on Aging (ACoA) and urges the legislature to approve an eight-year extension allowing ACoA to continue having a positive impact on our state. ACoA provides essential services to Alaska by satisfying the federal Older Americans Act requirement of having a council to receive federal OAA funding, which was almost \$11 million in FY16. It is their mission to ensure the dignity and independence of all older Alaskans, and to assist them in leading useful and meaningful lives through planning, advocacy, education, and interagency cooperation.

The comprehensive Alaska State Plan on Senior Services, developed by ACoA, gives beneficial educational and outreach to the senior providers in Alaska while making recommendations on legislation and appropriation benefiting the fast growing senior population of Alaska. With tremendous growth in the senior population the time to support ACoA is crucial. Every senior deserves the support of the services ACoA provides, directly or indirectly, through the senior providers throughout our state.

Thank you for your support of the ACoA bill allowing the valuable work to continue for another eight years. ACoA's support of NSCoA has enabled our daily efforts to serve the Fairbanks North Star Borough's seniors ensuring they never go hungry or without.

Respectfully,

*Darlene Supplee
Executive Director
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