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The Honorable Bill Stoltze
Senator, State of Alaska
Alaska Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

On behalf of the Board and members of the Anchorage Senior Activity Center (ASAC), we thank you for sponsoring the bill in support of continuing the Commission on Aging. We would like to go on record that we support the reauthorization of the Commission on Aging for another eight years. We also support the funding that is necessary to maintain the Commission and advance its valuable work.

The Commission on Aging representatives serves as educators and advocates on various issues affecting seniors, our fastest growing population in Alaska. Further, the Commission helps ensure the dignity, health, safety, and independence of Alaska's senior and to assist them in leading useful and meaningful lives.

Alaska is receiving nearly \$11 million in federal OAA funding in FY2016 thanks to its compliance with the Older American Act. The Commission also meets the federal requirement for each state to establish an advisory council to guide the state on matters related to aging. The Commission released a comprehensive plan on Senior Services, and in partnership with the Alaska Mental Health Trust and other agencies, recently published "Alaska's Roadmap to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (2015).

Again, thank you for taking the leadership in sponsoring a bill to continue the excellent work the Commission has accomplished for seniors and future generations.

Sincerely,

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