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Hello,

My name is Rebecca Traylor.

I live in Salcha, Alaska.

I am proud to be a member of the local Fairbanks Disability Advocacy Group, WallBusters; as well as the Borough's Public Transportation Advisory Commission, and the Governor's State-wide Independent Living Council.

I am writing to you as a Disabled Person who receives Personal Care Assistance (PCA) services.

These services allow me to remain in my own Community; and the household of my choosing. The two things I would most like you to know:

1. In my introduction I mentioned some of the groups I am involved with.

I am able to be a productive, *involved* member of society; which contributes to my own health and well-being.

This is due in large part to my PCA being in my home, providing the daily tasks I need assistance with.

Also; a lot of what I do is volunteer work,I *give back* on a daily basis.

2. The cost issues.

Having PCA services costs the State (Medicaid) approx. 25K a year. This is opposed to Institutional Care; which runs

(again, Medicaid) 65,000K-280,000K (the latter being Denali Center).

I am no Math whiz; but it appears that there is a HUGE cost savings to PCA services. I am only ONE person

In Interior Alaska receiving these services. If there are even a few more (and there are!) the tens of thousands of dollars in savings adds up fast.

I thank you for your support for Independent Living!

Please continue to hear our message,

Rebecca Traylor

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