

From: [Jeanine Brooks](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Domestic Violence Prevention Funding
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Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I am a 15 year school social worker who's caseload is primarily made up of children suffering from the effects of exposure to domestic violence. I am deeply opposed to the cut in funding of Alaska's domestic violence prevention programs. After many years of feeling hopeless with the onslaught of domestic violence incidences in our community and the perpetuation of the cycle of violence, I have, in recent years, found hope because of the powerful work of our community's domestic violence prevention programs. Openly addressing the underlying issues in domestic violence through supporting our youth and parents is making a significant dent in future domestic violence incidences and in the overwhelming expenses that domestic violence incidences cost our state in law enforcement, medical, mental health, and incarceration costs. I often tell people that our domestic violence prevention programs are our only hope in making our communities healthier and financially stronger. Please support full funding of our domestic violence programs, it will be a wise investment in Alaska's future.

Sincerely,

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