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March 31, 2015

Dear Senator Click Bishop,

My name is ___ Vernell C. Allen, I live in ___ Fairbanks, AK.

I am writing to express my concern about the elimination of the Interpreter Referral Line (IRL) funding. This budget cut will negatively affect many Deaf Alaskans and will make it difficult or impossible to achieve effective communication in educational systems, medical and legal settings as well as the workforce, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. I know the State has less money to work with but there are many other measures that can be taken including trimming the budgets for personal drivers and first class travel, catered Christmas parties, dry cleaning reimbursements and so on. It is important not to eliminate this program. If you were a hearing person living in a deaf dominated world, you would see the magnitude of importance this bears. This short (less than 3min) video was made specifically for your legislative board to realistically consider this particular issue from the Deaf point of view. I urge you to take three (3) minutes of your precious time to view this perspective. Please watch the video and encourage others to watch it as well. Please restore the Interpreter Referral Line funding in the Dept. of Labor, DVR, Special Projects budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vernell C. Allen
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