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My name is Matthew Kozevnikoff, I'm from the beautiful village of Russian Mission on the Lower Yukon.

I have 5 children; the eldest 3 have graduated from high school. Daren is a freshman; Leah is a 5th grader. Lucas has pursued further education at Job Corps; Martin is in jail; and Nanette is raising my 2 grandchildren. All attend or have attended Russian Mission Schools, which is an important part of the Lower Yukon School District.

As a parent, I understand the importance of a free public education in rural Alaska. Locally, we have a staff of excellent teachers and thriving students so eager to learn.

As you all are aware, Funding is a major issue in the already economically-impooverished Wade Hampton Census Area.

On behalf of my children Daren and Leah, as well as my grandchildren who have yet to be enrolled, I ask that the Senate will fully fund education for the coming year. Education of our children is the success of Alaska's Future.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.