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Esteemed Members of the Senate Finance Committee and Governor Walker;

Due to the recent budget fluctuations I can appreciate the circumstances that have brought about the difficult decisions that the legislature faces now.

However, I would urge you to consider the impacts of such a devastating cut to CDVSA's violence prevention programs.

I am a lifelong Alaskan as well as a father and husband who works as case worker for Mental Health.

The proposed budget would cut programs that have directly affected the people I work to empower, not to mention my family, my community and over the long run they will affect the State as a whole.

I'm sure that you are aware that Alaska has a disproportionate amount of domestic and sexual violence when compared to it's lower 48 counterparts.

In order to address this we must fund CDVSA programs that can turn those statistics around.

CDVSA programs contribute considerably to reducing the impacts of violence starting with preventative measures like the Best Beginnings program which educates parents and children at a crucial time in development.

Additionally, programs like Lead On put the tools to create positive change in the hands of our youth and the Green Dot movement which encourages everyone to do their part to stop violence in our communities also contribute to the overall health of our communities and this state.

These are just a few of the programs that I have personally witnessed the positive outcomes of and personally participated in that would be devastated by this proposed budget.

Please consider the impact of your proposed cuts before we lose these important community foundations and resources.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration in this matter,

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