

April 20, 2017

To whom it may concern:

It has been brought to my attention the Senior Benefits Program is scheduled to sunset in July 2018 without legislative action. As you know this program was started for seniors over the age of 65 that are at the poverty level according to the Alaska Federal Poverty Guidelines.

My mother lives on a fixed income and has utilized this program for the past several years. She lives very meekly and uses this benefit to help pay for her groceries and other extra expenses. Living in Alaska we all know about increased cost of living i.e. groceries, gas, electric..... I could go on and on but I'm sure you get my point.

I currently work for a home health and hospice agency and know first-hand about the many struggles that seniors endure every day. Cutting this program would only make their situation worse. I ask that you please help to keep this very valuable program going as it is a great help to my mother and many other seniors living on a fixed income.

Sincerely,



Donna Arneson