Shelley Hughes

Alaska State Senator State Capitol Room 30 Juneau, AK 99801

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Palmer Pioneer Home 250 E. Fireweed Ave. Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Senator Hughes:

I, Stan Parrott, am concerned that the governor is considering cutting funding for the Pioneer Homes. These facilities are necessary for our state's Senior Residents because most of them are unable to live on their own and many of their families are unable or not in Alaska to care for them. These seniors who have given so much to society now need society's help.

If funding is cut then many of the Pioneer Homes would not be able to remain open. If they closed their doors where would the residents go? There are few private facilities in the state and none that offer the care and respect for which the Pioneer Homes are noted.

Living should be more than existing and the Pioneer Homes offer activities that enrich the lives of the people who live here. Speaking specifically of the Pioneer Home in Palmer I want to make sure you are aware of the care the staff — and volunteers — take with each resident. They do their best to ensure all needs (physical/mental/emotional) are met.

Sincerely yours,

Stan Parrott

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