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My name is Laura Bonner from Anchorage and I'm speaking for myself. I'm a 47 year resident and voter. I'm nearly 70 years old.

I strongly support HB 96 to keep rates at the Pioneer and Veterans Homes affordable and predictable. The notice recently sent to residents is a slap in the face. It's another example of shifting costs in the Governor's plan for Alaska.

Passage of HB 96 would show that Alaskans still value our Seniors and Veterans as we have since 1913. Residents of the Homes who are nearing the end of their lives and their families need the predictability of what their rate will be. I may be a Pioneer Home resident in the not too distant future and I would need that predictability.

The Legislature needs to find ways to raise revenue other than from our Veterans who have served us all and the elderly who may be frail and have dementia.

Thank you for hearing this bill in your committee and moving it through the process. I support HB 96 and hope you will too.