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Subject: Urging Your Support of SJR 10

Dear Senators:

It is my fervent wish that all Senators will sign on to SJR 10 resolution. It would be imperative that at least Anchorage and Fairbanks Senators sign on, as it is clear that those over 65 Alaskans who are Medicare insureds are deserving of access to medical, particularly primary medical care. At this time, especially in Anchorage and Fairbanks, older Alaskans do not have that access. The abrupt and unethical closure of the Alaska Regional Senior Care Clinic in Anchorage, leaving only two clinics to provide primary care for seniors, has resulted in real harm. Outmigration of the young is one enormous issue Alaska faces. The other is on the tail end: those of us who are retired and have paid into Medicare all our working lives deserve to have access to care when the time comes that we need it. If that is not going to occur in Anchorage and Fairbanks, due to staffing and low Medicare reimbursement rates, then there is no reason to remain in Alaska.

Best,

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