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**From:** Susan A  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2024 10:11 AM  
**To:** House Finance; Rep. Frank Tomaszewski; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** SB 170

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 170 (SB 170), which aims to extend the Alaska senior benefits payment program. As an Alaskan resident and a concerned citizen, I believe that this bill is crucial for the well-being of our senior population.

Reasons for Support:

Financial Security for Seniors:

The Alaska senior benefits payment program provides essential financial assistance to seniors aged 65 and older. By extending this program, we ensure that our elderly citizens can meet their basic needs, afford healthcare, and maintain a decent quality of life.

Seniors who have contributed to our state throughout their lives deserve our support and respect. SB 170 recognizes their contributions and provides a safety net during their golden years.

Community Well-Being:

A strong social safety net benefits not only individual seniors but also our entire community. When seniors can access necessary resources, they remain active and engaged members of society.

By supporting SB 170, we promote community cohesion and foster a sense of responsibility toward our elders.

Economic Impact:

The senior population contributes significantly to our local economy. By ensuring their financial stability, we indirectly support local businesses, healthcare providers, and service industries.

SB 170 aligns with our state's economic interests by maintaining a healthy and financially secure senior population.

I urge you to continue championing the cause of Alaska's seniors by supporting SB 170. Let us demonstrate our commitment to the well-being of our elderly citizens and create a stronger, more compassionate Alaska.

Thank you for your dedication to public service, and I appreciate your efforts in advancing legislation that benefits our community.

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**From:** Jordan Marshall <  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2024 10:28 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** SUPPORT for SB170 Extend Senior Benefits Program :: Alaska Regional Coalition

Dear House Finance Committee:

The Alaska Regional Coalition offers its SUPPORT for **SB170 Extend Senior Benefits Program** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration and passage of the bill, which is scheduled for a hearing in House Finance on Thursday May 9 at 1:30 p.m.

This vital program bridges the gap between rising living costs and seniors' limited income, providing financial assistance for essentials like food, utilities, and medication. By extending the Senior Benefits Payment Program, we not only alleviate financial burdens but empower seniors to live independently, reducing healthcare costs and allowing them to contribute their experience to our communities. Their well-being is essential to a strong Alaska.

*The **Alaska Regional Coalition** is a consortium of four Alaska Native regional tribal nonprofits and two regional tribes – Tanana Chiefs Conference, Maniilaq, Kawerak, Chugachmiut, Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, and Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. We are all recognized by the U.S. Indian Self-Determination Act to provide medical, behavioral, social, public safety, workforce development, and judicial supports to the State of Alaska through contracts, compacts, and grants. The coalition represents **70,000 Alaskans and 109 communities** from Ketchikan to Kotzebue.*

Respectfully,

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