

HB

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Juneau, Alaska 99801
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Mrs. Joan Jackson
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Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Thanks so much for your letter relative to House Bill 52.
I certainly concur with you in the desirability of this
legislation and it has had and will continue to have my
support.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller, Representative
District Four, (Juneau)

8012 E. 4th Ave. Apt. #B
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Mr. Mike Miller
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Miller:

My family moved from Juneau to Anchorage in October of the last year. You had my earnest support throughout your campaign and I congratulate you on your success. As one of your recent constituents and an Alaska Methodist University senior I am writing to urge you to vote favorably for HB52. This bill has to do with tuition equalization for students at A.M.U. and Sheldon Jackson College. Provision for such was made by the previous legislature but no funds were appropriated.

With the law passed A.M.U. had every reasonable right to expect funds to follow and so to speak "went out on a limb". As you no doubt are aware the financial condition at A.M.U. is serious and passage of this bill would help immensely both now and in the future.

If A.M.U. were to close the University of Alaska would have a monopoly on higher education in Alaska. God forbid that Alaskan students be allowed no choice unless they wanted to go Outside.

I believe there is a question raised as to the function of the Government in relation to providing aid to private educational institutions. There is no precedent in Alaska for this. Alaska has made history before-- if she'd based herself on precedent all these years where would we be today? Alaska has shown herself to be a progressive and modern state in many ways. I believe this is another time to quit dragging our feet.

I have attended Alaska Methodist University since 1963; because of finances I could not go continually. My husband is a State employee at the Grade 17 level and his salary makes it difficult to pay out approximately \$1800 a year for tuition and books. Yet, I would not go to the University of Alaska--Anchorage Branch, for my experience shows that A.M.U. offers a superior education. Not only because it is impossible for me, but also because I hate to leave my beloved Alaska; would I go to a University Outside.

I reiterate my belief in Alaska Methodist University and the State of Alaska and ask you to favorably support HB52. It is an investment in the future of the keenest type.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,


(Mrs.) Joan Jackson