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Senator Charles Parr
Alaska State Legislature
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Re: Senate Bill #444

Dear Senator Parr:

The Senior Citizens of Kodiak board of directors has reviewed SB #444 and finds that they are in support of its enactment.

Sincerely,

Anne Valley

Ms. Anne Valley, Pres.

cc. Senator Bob Mulcahy
Representative Fred Ibaroff
Representative Eric Sutcliffe



Dear Senator Parr:

The Easter Seal Society of Alaska, Inc. would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed:

Brent M. Wedgworth
State Board President



Dear Senator Parr:

The ^{AARP} Kodiak Peninsula Chapter #745 would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill 444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Estelle Engle, President of Chapter #745



Dear Senator Parr:

The State of Alaska Native Assn. SB. would like to stand as

Citizen Program
endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Lothy, Robert, Project Director
State of Alaska Native Association, Inc.
Senior Citizen Program
Box 189
Dillingham, Alaska 99576
5-17-81



Dear Senator Parr:

The Upper Tanana Senior Council would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Betty Thomas

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Dear Senator Parr:

The Alaska State Blind Teachers Association would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Calhoun J. Kivimäki (Miss Joyce Kivimäki), President
P.O. Box 20462 Anchorage, Alaska 99502



Dear Senator Parr:

The Mabel T. Courry Senior Center would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Elizabeth Lee, Executive Director

We have several calls each month from senior citizens needing dental work and no resources to refer them to. There is a big gap in services where dental care is needed. We serve the low-income minority population at Mabel T. Courry Senior Center.



Dear Senator Parr:

The Suttons Chapter, N.C.S.C. * would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Kathryn M. Alice, President

* National Council of Senior Citizens



Dear Senator Parr:

The Anchorage Community Mental Health Center Geriatric Unit would like to stand as endorsing Senate Bill 1444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Charles K. Mendhoff Unit Supervisor



Dear Senator Parr:

The National Council of Senior Citizens would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Don MacVicker, Sec. Nat'l Council of Senior Citizens # 959

3007 Arctic # 65
Anch. Alaska 99503



Dear Senator Parr:

The Cardare Senior Citizens Program would like to stand as endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed:

D. Spruitt, City Manager
Project Director



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endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: _____

Shirley Lubatog



Dear Senator Parr:

The S.E. Nutrition Program for the Elderly would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed:

Elizabeth H. Bishop
Elizabeth H. Bishop
Project Director

Our Project Council representing over 2,500 senior citizens in S.E. Alaska has repeatedly expressed concern at the difficulty in obtaining dental care for low income elderly. At the present time the S.E. Regional Health Corporation has a small grant (which ends June 30, 1981) to try to fill some of this need. But this is a small, local effort. A coordinated, total State approach is needed. We will appreciate your support of this bill.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, I can be reached at:

419 Sixth St. C.C.S. Wing
Juneau, Alaska 99801
586-6233 or 586-6238

Thank you



Dear Senator Parr:

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The *an ACSW Social Worker* would like to stand as
Working in a medical setting
endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: _____

Lynne Perwick

4704 Kenai

Anchorage, AK 99504



Dear Senator Parr:

The Fairbanks Retired Teachers Ass'n would like to stand as not

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

The group felt this bill was discrim-
inatory, primarily oriented to
giving further assistance to
natives

Thank you very much.

Signed: Edwin Lock pres.



Dear Senator Parr:

The Seward Senior Citizens would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Judith Ann Martin, Director



Dear Senator Parr:

The Foster Grandparents/Senior Companions would like to stand as
Programs

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: _____

Dawna Clement

Our agency serves over 70 Senior Citizens.

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Dear Senator Parr:

The Southeast Nutrition Program
Hydaberg, Kitchikan, Salmon would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Ronal Hollywood, Site Supervisor



Dear Senator Parr:

The Sping Program at Alaska Legal Services would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill 1444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Walter R. Ristow

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Dear Senator Parr:

The _____ would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 50 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Robert Lewis, D.D.S., R.D.S.

*President, Alaska Association
of Dental People & the Dental Program*



Dear Senator Parr:

The Neena Fortelle Council on Igigould like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Marjorie Anderson Director

Mary Big Joe President
Rose Burke
Missette F. Jankola
Elizabeth Henry
Dinah Richards
Margaret Johnson
George Kayrol
Rocky Big Joe
Winnie Charles
Cl. Charles



Dear Senator Parr:

The Salvation Army, Senior Citizen Alcohol Program would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: William T. Engwall

William T. Engwall, Supervisor
Senior Citizen Alcohol Program

Many factors contribute to alcohol abuse among the elderly, and they are likely to have medical and mental health problems which need to be addressed.

Opportunities for maintaining self respect should be provided and attention given to economic difficulties. Senate Bill #444 would meet one of these needs.



Dear Senator Parr:

The Schinney Family would like to stand as

endorsing Senate Bill #444, "An Act making a special appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons, and for low-income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Thank you very much.

Signed: Brenda M. Schinney