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POSITION PAPER

SENATE BILL NO. 450

"An Act making a supplemental appropriation to the City of Bethel for construction of the Bethel child care center, and providing for an effective date."

Senate Bill No. 450 provides for an appropriation for the phase II construction of the Bethel child care center. The Bethel child care center provides a number of programs for children including a Head Start program, an after-school arts and crafts program, and an infant care center. These programs are crucial to the service delivery system in Bethel. The phase II construction would add a gym and wading pool for small children and would provide sufficient space to house the day care program, which is presently located in space which imposes limitations on the program. Head Start, day care, and infant care are essential links in preventive services.

RECOMMENDED BY:

John R. Pugh
John R. Pugh, Director
Division of Family and
Youth Services

DATE:

5/11/81

APPROVED BY:

Helen D. Beirne
Helen D. Beirne
Commissioner

DATE:

5/11/81

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SENATE BILL NO. 450
 Title "supplemental appropriation to the City of Bethel for construction of child care cntr."
 Requested by Hohman Date 4/16/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services
 Program Category Affected Health
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected _____

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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POSITIONS

FULL TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Senate Bill No. 450 has no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Social Services.

IV. DATE

5/5/81

PREPARED BY John R. Pugh, Director
 AGENCY Division of Family and Youth Services
 PHONE 465-3170

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) _____ M&B Approval [Signature] Date 5/7/81

Please send to:

Rep. Sam Cotten, Chairman
House Finance Committee

Sen. Don Bennette and Ed Dankworth
Senate Finance Committee

Rep. Don Clocksin, Chairman
House Hess Committee

Sen. Charlie Pair, Chairman

Dear Sirs:

I am in Support of HB 43, SB 450, HB 321, and SB 517-18.

I have 2 children, one of which attends Kameroff Infant Care Center.

The passage of these bills will enable this center to continue hiring personnel as needed.

This community is in dire need of good child care and I feel this will help tremendously.

Linda Vrem
PO Box 1232
Bethel, AK

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TO JUNEAU INFORMATION FOR REP. SAM COTTON, CHAIRMAN HOUSE FINANCE
SENATOR DON BENNETT & SENATOR DANKWORTH
CO-CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FINANCE
REP. DON CLOCKSIN, CHAIRMAN HOUSE HESS
SENATOR CHARLIE PARR, CHAIRMAN SENATE HESS

FR WALLY IN BETHEL FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGES.

PLEASE ACT FAVORABLY ON SENATE BILL 450. OVER 100 FAMILIES ENJOY THE CHILD
CARE FACILITIES YEARLY. THE VALUE OF POSITIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
CANNOT BE IGNORED.

GLADYS JUNG 543-2903
BETHEL, ALASKA

I PLACE STRONG EMPHASIS ON THE COMPLETION OF THE BETHEL CHILD CARE CENTER.
OUR CHILDREN NEED THE FACILITY FOR NECESSARY EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING. I
URGE YOU TO PASS SENATE BILL 450 WITHOUT DELAY.

CATHY DALE 543-2241
BETHEL, ALASKA

PLEASE PASS SENATE BILL 450. OUR CHILD CARE CENTER MUST BE COMPLETED THIS
YEAR OR ELSE WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN BUILT, WILL GO DOWN IN DUST.

HILARY JUNG 543-3208
BETHEL, ALASKA

END OF THIS PAGE OF POM'S.

In reference to the Senate Bill #450.
I am strongly in favor of this bill being passed. All anyone needs to do to decide for themselves one way or the other on this bill would be to visit the present Day Care in Bethel. The building cannot be heated properly in the winter due to the age of the building and poor insulation. The rain leakage is another problem, and from the appearance inside and out I see an apparent fire hazard. As a parent I surely do not see this building as meeting the standard for housing our young children in comfort or safety. \$

For these reasons I ask you to vote yes on Senate Bill #450.

Thank you,
Mikele J. Turnbull

Senate Bill 450

I support House Bill 450.

It is very important for the kids to eat and good for their health, so if you say yes there would be more food for Day Care Center.

Thank you
Charlie Beaver

I do and strongly support
Senate Bill # 450. We certainly need
a new Day Care in Bethel. The Day Care
now is too old for kids to stay there.
The insulation is worn out, and it gets
pretty cold during the winter. Sometimes
the kids have to wear their jackets
all day in order to keep warm. From
the looks of the place, it is a fire
hazard also, ~~that~~ not to also mention
the leakage during the summer + fall.
The Day Care Center should be replaced
by a new & better building for the
safety and children's sake. I would
greatly appreciate it if this Bill will
be passed

A concerned parent,
Mrs. Priscilla R.H.
Charles

May 4, 1981

Charles Parr, Chairman
Senate HESS

Dear Mr. Parr,

as a mother with three children, I feel it is about time the small kids of Alaska realize some of the "great wealth" the state has been talking about this past year

Here in Bethel our Day Care Center is in a horrible state, with barely enough room for the children to play in, and is located in an old building in the middle of an industrial area. The building is freezing cold in the winter so much so that if water falls on the floor it freezes. Honestly, it does.

Now, we have the opportunity through SB 450, to obtain monies to finish a new facility (located on Airport Road) that would safely house our small children with light and heat with running water in a healthy atmosphere where are children don't get diarrhea from lack of sanitary conditions.

Please, Mr. Parr, do what you can to see that these funds are approved for the save of our children.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Louise Charles, Bethel Councilwoman
Box 663, Bethel, Alaska 99559

5/5/31

Charlie Tarr
Chairman House HESS
Pouch V

Dear Senator Tarr,

I am a parent that is concerned about the
competition of Bethel Day Care Center Senate Bill
450.

The Day Care is a morning & evening session
in winter time. He wants to be on the
other side Day Care.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,
Walter D. ...
Bethel Day Care

PS Please forgive when I come to start dropping in
the hole way. Also in winter time the water pipe
freeze & ...

BETHEL SOCIAL SERVICES, INC.

A NON PROFIT COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION

P.O. BOX 271 543-2447
BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

Dear Senator Parr,

I am writing to ask you to support Senate Bill 450, an appropriation that will make it possible to complete the Bethel Child Care Facility. I have been Director of the Day Care program there. I am presently the trainer for the staff, and I expect to have a child enrolled there in the future. The present facility presents intolerable obstacles to teaching and learning. The ceiling is rotting so that parents and children must step over buckets to get in the door. Once in, the smell of honey buckets competes with the cold. Many days the children must be contained for hours at a time in a small room because the rest of the Center is too cold to play in, even if they keep on their parkas and heavy boots. At child-level the eating area was below 55 degrees many times this winter. Hot meals don't stay hot, drains freeze, and basic hygenic practices become impossible.

The present staff spends all its ingenuity and energy keeping the children safe, well fed, and healthy, and fighting recurrent break-downs of the facility. The fact that they are able to provide any kind of developmental program at all testifies to their admirable skill and commitment. As their trainer, I have been very impressed that they, as well as the children, are able to learn anything under the present working conditions. I believe that with a new facility both staff development and program quality will improve rapidly. I also believe that with a new building the staff has the potential to make the Bethel DayCare a model program for this state.

Sincerely,



Robin Bailey
Staff Development
Bethel Social Services

I sure would appreciate if you vote for Senate Bill 450, because I bring my child every day when I go to work, but I sure don't like the building where I bring my child, because it is so old and it smells when I go in, like from the honeybucket, and the look of it. So it would be very helpful if you vote yes. We have been waiting for the Day Care Center to be done, but it's never done because they are short of money.

Thank you
Marie Beaver

Dear Senator Parr

Charlie Parr chairman
 House Health sub. v Senate Bill 450
 I am working at the Day care
 center. My son your a'd is having
 school here at the day care. She
 going on five this year. This
 day care is getting old and in
 winter time it always get
 cold. when the weather is
 very cold. the kids at the
 day care they always get cold.
 I would like to have a
 new Day Care center better
 than this old day care center.

Sincerely yours
 Cynthia Myers
 Aide at Day Care Center

May 1981

Dear Senate Pass;

I support senate bill 430
I am a mother of two children and
day care center we have here is not so
safe for a whole lot of children our
hall way lights are very dangerous
and is almost ready to burst (I mean
the ceiling). And they also don't have
a play ground they do but it isn't
a safe place because the cars will
go thru the park to get to the other
side of the street.

I support senate Bill 450 very
much and I hope the rest of
the mothers & fathers that bring
their kids here support the bill too.

Sincerely yours

Linda Weston
Aide at the Daycare Center



Tundra Women's Coalition

Box ¹⁰³⁴ • Bethel, Alaska 99559 • 907-543-3455

May 5, 1981

Senator Charles Parr, Chair
Senate HESS Committee
Juneau, Alaska

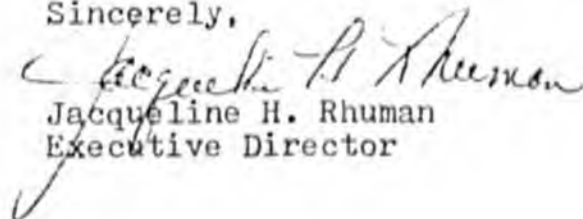
Dear Senator Parr:

It is imperative that Bethel have an adequate day care facility. We have a high incidence of child neglect. We have a high rate of alcoholism. Both parents in most families have to work in order to be able to live in Bethel. The children need to have a warm, safe, caring place to be.

The building now being used to house the day care is very difficult to heat, is drafty and doesn't meet the basic needs of the childcare program. By the beginning of the summer a fish processing plant and freezer will be located right next to the present facility. This will not be safe for the children and will leave little area for a playground.

Please support the efforts of the Bethel Social Services to provide adequate early childhood education and day care for our area children. I urge you to support HB 450 which will provide the funds needed to complete this essential facility.

Sincerely,


Jacqueline H. Rhuman
Executive Director

I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL'S 517 AND 518. PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THEM.

SINCERELY,

LYLA MOTT 543-2874

PROJECT DIRECTOR

KAMEROFF INFANT CENTER

BETHEL, ALASKA

END OF THIS PAGE OF PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGES, ONE MORE PAGE COMING FOR SENATOR GILMAN.

THANKS

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TO JUNEAU INFORMATION FOR SENATOR DON GILMAN, CHAIRMAN FOR SENATE C&RA COMM. FROM WALLY IN BETHEL FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR SENATOR GILMAN,

I AM THE MOTHER OF A FINE MONTH OLD BABY. PRESENTLY I AM PLANNING TO TAKE A JOB IN JUNE. THAT WOULD MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR ME TO LEAVE MY BABY DURING THE DAY. I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE HER AT KAMEROFF INFANT CENTER, BUT THE COST IS PROHIBITIVE. MY ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS TO LEAVE HER WITH VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS WHO AREN'T ALWAYS DEPENDABLE. BECAUSE I AM FROM A MIDDLE INCOME FAMILY, I DO NOT AT PRESENT, QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE FROM C&RA. BUT, IF YOU RAISE THE ELIGIBLE INCOME, I HOPEFULLY WOULD QUALIFY AND COULD LEAVE MY BABY AT KAMEROFF INFANT CENTER. PLEASE SUPPORT SENATE BILL'S 517 AND 518.

SINCERELY,

MRS. PRISCILLA R.H. CHARLES
BETHEL, ALASKA

543-3457

END OF POM'S FROM BETHEL.
THANKS TO YOU ALL

May 01, 1981

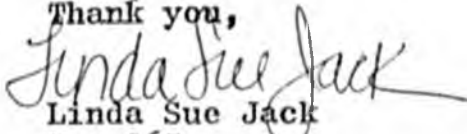
Representative Sam Cotton, Chairman
House Finance Committee

Chairman:

I am in support of Senate Bill 450. As I have two children age 1,
and 3 that are in need of the BETHEL CHILD CARE CENTER.

Please do all possible to approve this bill.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Sue Jack". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Linda Sue Jack

Box 967

Bethel, Alaska 99559

April 30, 1981

Senate Bill 450

My reasons for a new child care center:

1. I feel it's more effecient to ahave a few trained attendants care for choldren at the center, freeing dozens of mothers to lead more productive lives at their paying jobs- in Alaskas' business and industrys!

2. Without this supplemental help, working mothers, like myself, would be forced to quit work!--thus lowering my life style choices, or the alternative--to put my child in the care of untrained babysitters in an unstimulating enviroment.

In Support of Bill #450,

Margaret A. Lush

Margaret A. Lush

4-29-81

Senate Bill 450-

As a parent of a Bethel Child Care Center Child, I feel the city is in a bad need of a new building. The building now is very old, and in need of lots of repair. The heating system is very poor in the winter, and our winters are very long and cold. The city is growing very rapidly and there are more and more parents trying to get their children in the center and not enough room. I feel now is an excellent time for new facilities. We pay a good price, and in return deserve good facilities.

Thank you

Mrs. and Mr. John H. St. Louis
Box 478
Bethel

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BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

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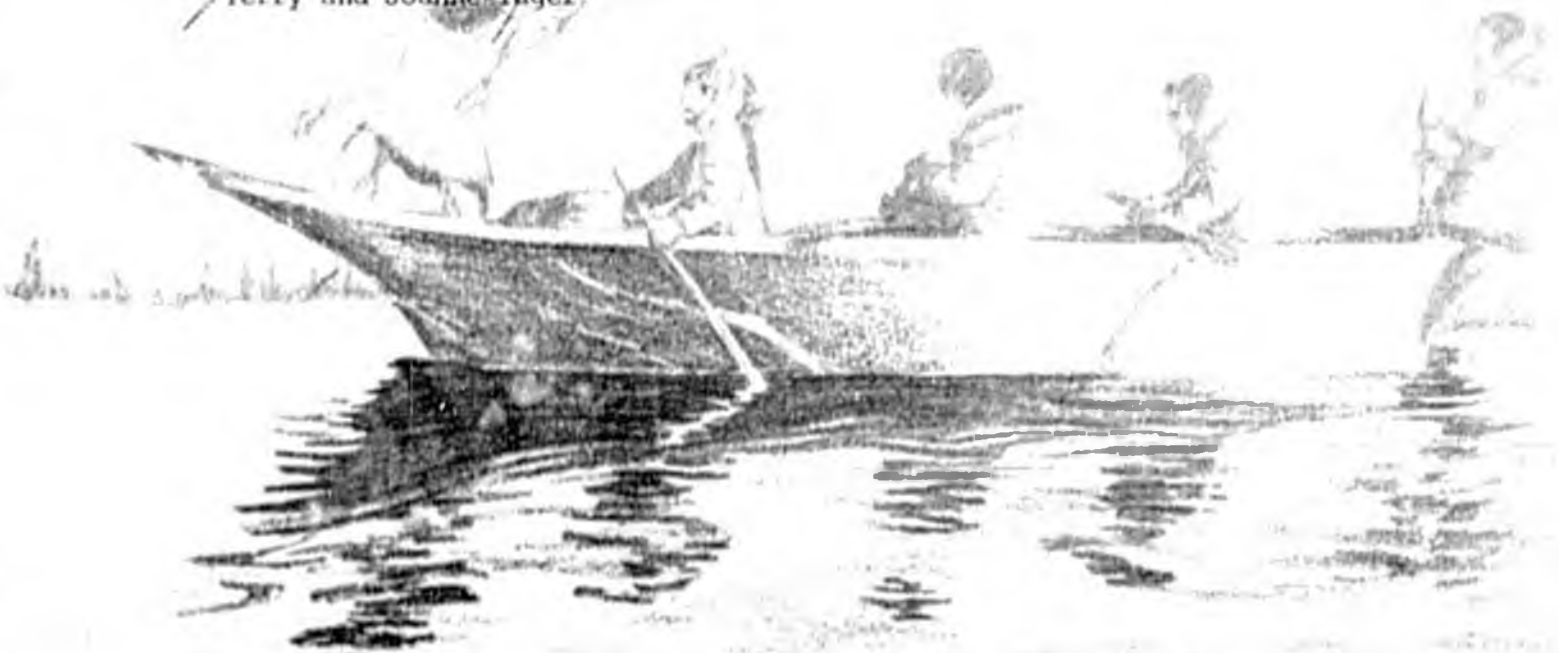
April 29, 1981

Dear Mr. Parr:

We are writing to support SB 450 which appropriates monies for the completion of the Bethel Child Care Center. We have for many years been located across from the present facility and can attest to the need to complete the new facility. The old facility is totally inadequate and is in the middle of a growing economic development site. Of all the millions of dollars appropriated for capital projects, this would be the first facility for the very young children to be built with state funds. The \$210,000.00 in SB 450 would make possible a real center for the education of young children.

Sincerely,

Joanne Yager
Terry and Joanne Yager



SENATE BILL 450 - 1

My daughter will soon be old enough to attend the child care center for three to five year olds. I am hoping that the senate bill #450 will have your support. There is a great need for the Bethel Child Care Center to be completed; the center being used now is not big enough for the large number of children now staying there. Bethel is growing and its child care facilities need to expand with it. I would greatly appreciate your support for this bill.

Sincerely,
Debra A. Nicholson

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FROM: CHERYL/BETHEL TO: JUNEAU INFO
ACCT: KINNEY SUBJ: PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE TYPE: 1 PAGE 1

TO: REPRESENTATIVE SAM COTTON, CHAIRMAN HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
SENATOR DON BENNETT AND ED DANKWORTH, CO-CHAIRMEN SENATE FINANCE COMM.
REPRESENTATIVE DON CLOCKSIN, CHAIRMAN HOUSE HESS
SENATOR CHARLIE PARR, CHAIRMAN SENATE HESS

I AM IN SUPPORT OF PASSAGE OF HB 43, SB 450, HB 321, SB 517 AND SB 518,
DEALING WITH DAY CARE AND CHILD CARE CENTER GRANTS.

THANK YOU

JANIE HOSEPHINE ANDREW
JOHN A ANDREW
BOX 222, BETHEL AK 99559
543-3228

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FROM: CHERYL/BETHEL TO: JUNEAU INFO
ACCT: KINNEY SUBJ: PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE TYPE: 1 PAGE 1

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REPRESENTATIVE DON CLOCKSIN, CHAIRMAN HOUSE HESS
SENATOR CHARLIE PARR, CHAIRMAN SENATE HESS

I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF HB 43 CONCERNING C&RA DAY CARE
ASSISTANCE, SB 450-THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE BETHEL CHILD CARE
CENTER, HB 321-A FEDERAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SB 517 & 518-CHILD CARE
GRANT PROGRAM.

I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THE ABOVE BILLS BEING PASSED. IT WILL REALLY
AFFECT MYSELF AND MY KIDS.

EILEEN T. NELSON
BOX 821
BETHEL AK 99559
543-2456

MSG 01-00015455 PRTY 1 05/05/81 10:59:15 ORIG: LB00 IN= 0004 OUT= 0012
FROM: WALLY IN BETHEL TO: JUNEAU INFORMATION PAGE 0001
TARGET: LBHO SUBJ: PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

SENATOR CHARLIE PARR
CHAIRMAN OF SENATE HESS COMMITTEE
JUNEAU, ALASKA

DEAR SENATOR PARR,

I AM WRITING IN REGARDS TO SB 450, COMPLETION OF BETHEL CHILD CARE CENTER.
WE THE PARENTS WHO DEPEND ON THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE DAY CARE CENTER ARE
URGING YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF SB 450. THE BUILDING THAT THE CHILDREN ARE NOW
IN IS SO OLD AND FALLING APART THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ABOUT IT. THE FACIL
ITIES THAT THEY HAVE ARE INADEQUATE. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW CENTER,
YOU CAN GUARANTEE A LOT SAFER, HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER GROUP OF PARENTS AND
CHILDREN.

PLEASE HELP US!
EVELYN FISHER
BOX 891, BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

TUNDRA The Drums

"The Beat of the Kuskokwim/Yukon Delta."



POST OFFICE BOX 868

BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

(907) 543-2533

May 4, 1981

House HESS
Pouch V
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Charlie Parr, Chairman

Dear Mr. Parr,

My support for SB450, containing funds to complete the Bethel Day Care Center is total.

The much needed facility lost out in the legislative funding process last year - and so did the children of Bethel, who now are housed in what I consider to be a sub-standard building.

At the least, I hope you or your committee will tour the present day care facilities in Bethel before you make a determination on the funding for the completion of the new building.

The present building surely will not survive another winter. So from and economic standpoint, justifying the funding would not be difficult if one simply looked at the number of working single parents using the center, and the amount of unemployment the loss of it would create - not to mention the employees of the center.

I would be happy to talk with you at length about the need for funding the completion of the new building. Please call me, or have a member of your staff call at 543-3552, and day of the week.

Thank you much for your help.

Cheers!

Rosie Porter
Publisher

May 5, 1981

RE: Senate Bill 450

To Whom It May Concern:

We need a new building for the Bethel Child Care Center. The existing building is in shambles. Let me explain.

- 1) The roof by the door is falling in.
- 2) The roof leaks. (There is always a large bucket collecting dripping water.)
- 3) The building is impossible to heat on cold days. (The center had to be closed for 2 days when the inside temperature dropped to 50°F. It is not unusual to see the children playing inside in their coats.)
- 4) There are electrical problems in the playroom.
- 5) The bathroom fixtures are so old, that they leak all over the floor.

There are many small problems, too numerous to mention. In addition, the building is so old and dreary that paint and wall paper don't make an improvement. Children are entitled to a safe, warm, stimulating, and healthy environment. With as many as 40 children attending the center, there is obviously a need for a new facility.

Please support Senate Bill 450.

Thank you.

A Concerned Parent,

Lyla Mott

Lyla Mott, R.N.

May 5, 1981

Charlie Parr
Chairman House Hess
Pouch V.

Dear Senate Parr.

I am concerned about day care in Bethel.
for the workers and all the day care children.
In winter its very cold inside the building - where
the children play and sleep its very drafty when its
windy.

The boys & girls bath rooms are too small, the pipes
also freeze and there no running water to wash
or cook. Necessity is getting from frost in winter
and from rain.

So I am hoping the other day care will be finished
before this fall & coming winter.

Sincerely

Mrs. Nancy Hunter
Day care aide

5-5-81

To Whom It May Concern

As a parent and concerned member of the Bethel community I am writing to ask your support of Senate bill # 450 which would give money necessary for completion of the Bethel Child Care Center. - Bethel desperately needs this new center. Presently many parents are utilizing the old center which definitely is not in physical good condition.

Please support Senate Bill 450

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sonya Mortenson
PH S Hospital
Bethel, Alaska

Charles Parr
Chairman House HESS
Pouch V.

Dear Senator Parr,

I am a parent that is concerned
about the completion of the Bethel
Day Care Center Senate Bill 450.

I am single and if I don't
work I won't be able to make it
so please give us a chance.

The day care center is run
down and I want to know
my child is safe while I work.

Thank you
Carla Stahl

I am writing this letter
to ask for your support of
SB 450. But it is a city that
is growing fast and needs the
funds to complete the child
car center. Without sufficient
child car facilities, the work-
ing parents suffer unnecessary
headaches.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Dyann Hunter
PHS Hospital
Berkeley, CA. 94559

Frank and Meredith Domurat
P.H.S. Hospital
Bethel, Alaska 99559

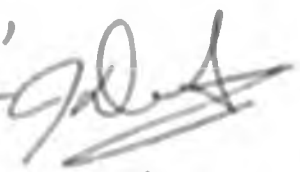
5-4-81

To whom it may concern:

We are writing in support of Senate Bill 450 which would appropriate monies for the Bethel Childcare Center. We have both witnessed the deterioration of the present facility and know how desperately the new one is needed. Since a significant amount of money has already been invested to build the structure, the community deserves its completion. Daycare centers are essential for a growing and industrious community such as Bethel.

Sincerely,

Meredith Domurat



(Concerned Bethel citizens)

May 5, 1981
Karen Dunn
PHS Hospital
Bethel, A.K. 99539

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to express
my support for Senate Bill 450
(appropriation for the Bethel Child Care
Center).

The old facility is inadequately
heated in winter, leaks, and is
dirty as well as too crowded. A
new facility is badly needed and
this bill will make completion
of one possible.

Sincerely,
Karen Dunn

April 4, 1981

To whom it may concern:

I, Dawn Robette, is in full support of Senate Bill 450. Supplemental Appropriation for the Bethel Child Care center.

I am a concerned citizen of this community and do not wish to see the working mothers unemployed do to the lack of a good child care facility, as many working mothers are heads of household.

With CETA cutbacks, state support is essential to our care center for continuing operations.

Senate Bill 450

I am a parent of 3 children presently enrolled in day-care in Bethel. My oldest is 3 yrs old and presently goes to a day-care that, by the end of this spring, will be directly between the river and a fish-processing plant. I understand Senate Bill 450 will enable Bethel Social Services to build a new day-care away from this very busy, hazardous environment. I am very concerned about this development. I am immensely impressed with the day-care program here in Bethel and I can think of no better way to spend our tax dollars, than to build a new facility for our little children. I am in support of Senate Bill 450.

Sincerely
Loren M. Foster
~~at~~

May 4, 1981

To Senator Charlie Parr,
As a parent who has
two children attending
the Bechel Day Care Center,
I am definitely in support
of S.B. 450.

The building is in
such terrible condition
that I'm surprised that
the children don't complain.
However, the loving care
they receive seems to
blur the vision of the
hazards that are around
them daily.

At the entrance door
the ceiling caved in due
to a leak in the roof.
Thankfully this occurred
on a weekend, so no one
was harmed.

There are also electrical

problems in one of the

play areas. The program

was dim because it

will take complete

rewiring to re-negotiate

lighting.

During January the

center finally had to

close down for a few

days because it was

impossible to obtain an

inside temperature above

54°F, due to poor insula-

tion.

At the present season,

the children are no longer

allowed outside to play

because last days and

fast lights are working

with their three feet of the

-5-

building.

It is my understanding that the new facility will also be able to serve the special educational needs of children in the Bethel area. It is my belief that these special children should not be segregated to their school room for six hours a day, but should be allowed to learn as much as they can, and socialization should be part of their overall educational experience.

It is such a waste to have the new facility not completed when there is so much need of it.

Please support SB450.
There is definitely an
opportunity to help the
newest generation.

Sincerely,

Allen Takagi

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CARE FACILITIES YEARLY. THE VALUE OF POSITIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
CANNOT BE IGNORED.

GLADYS JUNG 543-2903
BETHEL, ALASKA

I PLACE STRONG EMPHASIS ON THE COMPLETION OF THE BETHEL CHILD CARE CENTER.
OUR CHILDREN NEED THE FACILITY FOR NECESSARY EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING. I
URGE YOU TO PASS SENATE BILL 450 WITHOUT DELAY.

CATHY DALE 543-2241
BETHEL, ALASKA

PLEASE PASS SENATE BILL 450. OUR CHILD CARE CENTER MUST BE COMPLETED THIS
YEAR OR ELSE WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN BUILT, WILL GO DOWN IN DUST.

HILARY JUNG 543-3208
BETHEL, ALASKA

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Dear Senate par
I am a parent that is concerned
about Bethel Day care, Senate
Bill 450, The Day care is
running down. It gets cold
in winter time. We need new
Day care.

Thanks for your
attention

Sincerely yours
Theresa Becke
aid at Bethel Day Care