

SB

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Amend.

ments

DOC #3

CS SB231

Supplemental Items

AMENDMENT by: *Adams*

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Packet of late unpublished amendments.

AMENDMENT

DOT #9

Offered by

CS for SB231 (FIN)

For Senate Finance Committee

Change:

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(ED 39)	

This allocation is for the construction of a bridge across the Wood River to provide access to the community of Aleknagik. The project is in the 1998 - 2000 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in FFY 1999.

AMENDMENT

DOT II

CS for SB231 (FIN)

Offered by *Adams*

For Senate Finance Committee

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Note: This section requires an immediate effective date.

AMENDMENT

DOT 12

CS for SB231 (FIN)

Offered by *Adams*

For Senate Finance Committee

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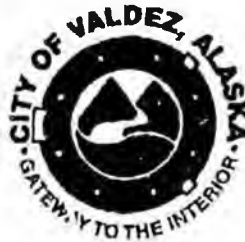
OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: SB231

*Sec._____. The sum of \$442, 860 is appropriated to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District for FY 98 to mitigate the impacts of the decline in student enrollment due to the closure of the Pulp Mill.

Assisted

Living



April 23, 1998
Office of the Mayor

Senators Drue Pearce & Bert Sharp
Senate Finance Committee
Room 532, Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Pearce and Sharp:

As you know, the Harborview Development Center closed on December 31, 1997. This closure represented a loss of about 100 jobs in our community. The closure also put our community hospital in peril.

The City formed a task force two years ago to identify alternative uses for the facility. The task force identified that the best use for the facility was a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

The City has been working with the Department of Corrections since then to convert a portion of the Harborview Development Center into a drug and alcohol treatment facility operated by the Department. The conversion of the facility is very important to the community. The City is willing to take ownership of the building if the Department of Corrections will enter into a long-term lease for a portion of the building. The City will look for other tenants to use the remaining space.

The conversion of a portion of the building for a drug and alcohol treatment facility is important to Valdez. First and foremost is the fact the community hospital is attached to the facility. If the facility is closed, the City will need to relocate the hospital. Secondly, the drug and alcohol center will create approximately 40 jobs. Although not the 100 jobs that were lost with the closure of Harborview, they will replace some of those jobs.

The continued use of the Harborview facility is critical to the continued operation of the community hospital. To this end, the City of Valdez is willing to work with the State to assist with this vital project for our community.

Your support of the Department of Corrections program to develop a therapeutic community in Valdez is important to us. If you should have any questions about the efforts of the City and working with the Department of Corrections you can contact the City's lobbyist, Kim Hutchinson or Dave Dengel the Valdez City Manager. Your support is appreciated.

CITY OF VALDEZ

Dave C. Cobb
Mayor

cc: Senate President Miller

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

**P.O. BOX 310
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 99576
PHONE (907) 842-5257**

March 23, 1998

Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislators
State Capital

Tribal Councils
served by BBNA

Aleknagik Juneau, Ak. 99801-1182

Chignik Bay

Dear Senators:

Chignik Lagoon

Chignik Lake

The Bristol Bay Native Association's full board of directors met on March 18 - 20 and adopted the attached resolutions. The full board is represented by 31 tribal members from the Bristol Bay region as well as representation from AFN, Bristol Bay Native Corporation and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation.

Clarks Point

Dillingham

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Ivanof Bay

King Salmon

Kukhanuk

Kuliganek

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Naknek

Resolution # 98-28 pertains to a \$900,645 grant for funding under the AHFC's Senior Citizens Housing Development fund within the FY 99 capital budget, or SB 231. This funding is vital for the development of an assisted living facility to be located in Dillingham. This facility will address one more step needed in the continuum of care we are striving to achieve for our elders. Currently elder requiring 24 hour supervision and have no one to provide for their daily living needs are shipped to nursing homes or assisted living facilities in Anchorage. This facility will allow us to keep our elders closer to home during their golden years.

New Stuyahok

Resolution #98-41 supports Senate Bill 321 proposes to increase the rate paid for general relief clients from \$34.50 to \$70 per day. This funding is essential to operators of assisted living facilities that house low to moderate income people. The current funding is not sufficient to provide the rent, food or other activities needed to maintain elders in these facilities.

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Please give both legislation your serious consideration. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Pedro Bay

Rose Heyano

Perryville

Rose Heyano

Pilot Point

Social Services Director

Port Heiden

Portage Creek

cc: Senator Lyman Hoffman
Representative Ivan Ivan

South Naknek

Togiak

Twin Hills

Ugashik

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To	Senate Finance	From	Dillingham L10		
Co./Dept.	Committee	Co.			
Phone #	465-3004	Phone #	842-5219		
Fax #	465-2187	Fax #	842-5105		

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 310
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

Resolution 98 - 28

By
FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TITLE: ASSISTED LIVING HOME IN DILLINGHAM

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association previously passed a resolution supporting local initiatives by tribes to develop assisted living facilities; and

WHEREAS: The Curyung Tribal Council has taken on this task for Dillingham, by designating a portion of their funding for expenses of the project and applying, along with Bristol Bay Housing Authority, for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation funds under the Senior Housing Development Fund; and

WHEREAS: The Governor has placed \$900,645 in the FY99 Capital budget for this project in Dillingham; and

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association is involved providing the coordination and technical assistance and is the primary contact for discussions about the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that we support the development of this facility by Curyung Tribal Council and encourage other tribes to do the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BBNA encourages the Alaska State Legislature to pass the FY99 Capital budget that includes the funding for the AHFC Senior Citizens Housing Development fund, and the project in Dillingham.

Signed: Donald J. Nelson

President

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, Inc. do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association on the 20 day of March, 1998, and that a quorum was present.

Signed: Margie Nelson

Secretary

**BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 310
Dillingham, Alaska 99576**

Resolution 98 - 41

By
FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TITLE: SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 321

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association previously passed a resolution supporting local initiatives by tribes to develop assisted living facilities; and

WHEREAS: Assisted living projects are developing in the region; and

WHEREAS: The cost per month to an individual will be between \$1500 and \$2500 per month; and

WHEREAS: It is expected that most residents of an assisted living facility in the region would be of low income and unable to pay the full rate; and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Legislature is considering a bill SB321 to increase the daily base rate for general relief clients in assisted living homes to \$70.00/day or \$2100 per month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that we support SB321 "An Act relating to assisted living homes" to raise the rate for general relief assisted clients to \$70.00 a day.

Signed: Donald J. Nelson
President

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, Inc. do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association on the 20 day of March 1998, and that a quorum was present.

Signed: Margie Nelson
Secretary

P. Kay Branch, M.A.
P. O. Box 1007
Dillingham, Alaska 99576
(907) 842-5756

April 21, 1998
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Senators:

I am writing to encourage you to include the \$900,685 funding for an assisted living project in Dillingham in the Alaska Housing Finance Senior Citizens Development Fund in the Capital budget for FY99.

I work with elders in the Bristol Bay region. Time and time again have seen people having to leave their home, community, family, and familiar foods, to be placed in an assisted living or skilled nursing facility in Anchorage. It is hard on the elders and on their families left at home, who are unable to afford to visit their loved one.

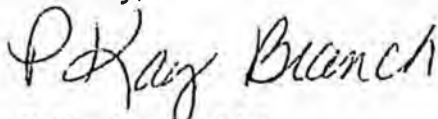
I have a friend who has been caring for her husband at home with the assistance of her family for four years. Now her own health is failing because of the increased caregiving duties and the family is thinking about long-term care placement. There are no options for long-term care in this region, so this elder too will have to go to Anchorage, the thought of which is devastating to the family.

The proposed facility is ten beds and as an assisted living home would provide supportive and personal care in a family living environment. It is direly needed so our elders do not have to leave the "river near where they were born."

If the state of Alaska is truly concerned about the elders in all the regions, appropriate funding will be made available to entities that undertake to own and operate rural housing options.

Please reconsider funding for this project under Senate Bill 231. Thank you.

Sincerely,



P. Kay Branch, M.A.

Dillingham Legislative Information Office (LIO)
 6 Main Street • PO Box 629 Dillingham AK 99576 • Phone: 842-5319 Fax 842-5105

Please PRINT the information below.

Ms., Mr., Mrs... MS	First name Christine DeCourtney	M.L. A	Last name DeCourtney	Jr., Sr., III...
Mailing address P.O. Box 282 Dillingham, AK			Zip code 99576	
Residence (street) address if different from mailing address			Zip code	
Daytime telephone number (907) 842 2970	Group affiliation (if applicable)	City, name Dillingham DeCourtney		Date 4/23/98

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Brenda Akelkok
P.O. Box 654
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

April 22, 1998

To Whom It May Concern:

The hardest part of having Grandma Sassa over in Anchorage in a nursing home were the everyday kinds of things that we couldn't share with her anymore. If we had fresh fried spruce chicken, we couldn't run a plate to her here in Dillingham.

It saddens me knowing that what she missed was the smell of the water blowing over the bluff on Nushagak Bay. The soft cackle of geese far off in the springtime evening. The warm kiss of a grandchild contrasted with chilly cheeks from playing outdoors.

The excitement of the king salmon hitting the beach nets when her sons and daughters, all flecked with scales and gray mud, would bring fresh boiled head and tail chowder.

The fragrance of salmonberries on the breeze blowing from the summer tundra. How the fluffy cotton grass bobbed back and forth in the wind.

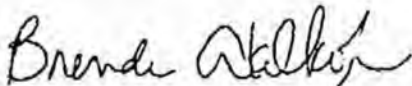
The lonesome wail of the sand hill cranes as they settle down for the night.

But the saddest part of all was that the only way she was able to come home was in a casket because we did not have an Assisted Living Facility for her in Dillingham.

I wouldn't wish the pain and heartache that all of my family went through with Grandma Sassa's going to Anchorage on anyone else.

Please make funding for an Assisted Living Center in Dillingham a reality. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,



Brenda Akelkok

P. Kay Branch, M.A.
 P. O. Box 1007
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April 21, 1998
 Senate Finance Committee

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Co./Dept.	FOR SB 231		Co.	LEGISLATIVE AFS	
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P. Kay Branch

P. Kay Branch, M.A.

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the and Phillips - directly
Senate Finance
 committee name
 committee on HB 459, dated 5/6/98
 bill/subject

Certified direct-entry midwives give quality care to low-risk moms.

Our time spent on prenatal education, nutritional counseling, and labor preparation ensured a low-risk pregnancy from beginning to end.

Many poor women on Medicaid need these comprehensive services more than the general public.

As a certified direct-entry midwife serving in the Mat-Su Valley for 12 yrs., I believe women on Medicaid deserve the opportunity to choose midwifery care prenatally.

Signed: Judi Davidson, CDM
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 376761 Wasilla, AK

Address

(907) 746-0194 99687

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

and directly to Phillips

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name

committee on HB 459 , dated 5/6/98
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Please Pass HB 459. Women deserve the choice on their prenatal care, Having Babies with midwives is the most natural, loving way a mother can give birth. She should not be denied this choice by being on medicaid. By Passing this bill it would save the state money to be put towards more useful things.

Signed: Heather Hongslo
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

HC 33 #3038 WASILLA, AK 99654

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Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

send directly to Phillips also

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance committee name

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Midwives provide the best, most caring prenatal and birth care I have found. Women on Medicaid should be able to receive this same, excellent care and support. Midwives would also save the state a lot of money on maternity care, but in a safe, healthy, caring environment that makes for happy moms and babies. I know I am extremely satisfied with the services our midwives provide. And their facilities are wonderful.
Please pass HB 459!

Signed: Billie J. Hoan
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

345 E. Dolphin Ave. Palmer, AK 99645

Address

745-1549

Phone No.



DATE: 5/6/98

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony for the Sen Finance

for the HB459 teleconference hearing that was scheduled on

5/6/98.

A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your committee via fax on 5/6/98.

Thank you ,

Mat-Su Legislative Information Office

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name

committee on HB 459, dated 5/6/98
bill/subject

Midwives need to be Medicaid providers because they:

- help women and their families understand the importance of prenatal care; thereby reducing cost and improving birth outcomes; for example, fewer low birth weight babies
- promote understanding of the normalcy of birth and the birth process, thereby reducing the need for drugs and unnecessary COSTLY interventions
- promote breast feeding, thereby reducing infant illness and increasing parental confidence
- offer safe, low cost care to the women of the Alaskan communities. Typically midwifery care is ONE-HALF the cost of conventional 'medical model' maternity care

Signed: [Signature] CAOMU
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

4125 Ruth Dr.

Address

(907) 376 1413

Phone No



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee name
 committee on Budget/Revenue, dated 4-22-98
 bill/subject

I'm a mental health consumer. I rely on Government Health Care to provide me with medications and Therapy. I am dismayed to know that my needs MAY not be met, since General Fund Medicaid has been "Over" and I believe funding program for pregnant women is needed; but that others should not be penalized simply because (84%) women chose to have abortions. Please Reinstate the G.M.H. Program. ~~for those of us who have chronic illness.~~
 Thank you,

Signed: Patricia [Signature]
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)
Room 502 1107 Palmer, AK 99545
 Address
907-745-6019
 Phone No.

P.O. Box 0881
Palmer, Alaska 99645-0881
April 23, 1998

Senator Bert Sharp
Alaska State Capital
Room 516
Juneau, Alaska 99801

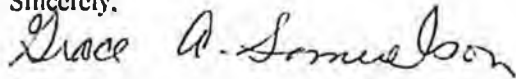
Dear Senator Sharp:

I would like you to fight for and keep the appropriation for General Relief Medical (GRM.)

I do not believe that abortions should be funded under the GRM Program.

Please do not cut out the whole GRM appropriation, though, because it will effect thousands of Alaskans who do not have any other medical coverage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace A. Samuelson".

Grace A. Samuelson



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name
 committee on General Relief Medical, dated April 23, 1998.
bill/subject

I hope you will reinstate general relief for individuals during the interim application period of review for their determination of disabilities. These services are essential to some of Alaska's most needy. Sorry that after writing two hours it appears your committee will not have a chance to hear me or those who came to testify.

Signed: Martin Hopkins
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 4237 Palmer 99645
 Address
745-1553
 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Mike Miller

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate President

committee name

committee on

GRM

bill/subject

, dated

04-23-98

Please keep GRM benefits to interment applicants of SS1 (ex. medicine, doc. visits.)

I do not believe abortion financing should be a part of GRM program.

Signed:

Grace P. Samuelsen

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 2881, Palmer, AK 99645

Address

907-746-0757

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Bert Sharp

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate Finance

committee name

committee on GRM

, dated 04-23-98

bill/subject

I do not believe abortion financing should be a part of GRM program.
Please keep GRM¹ for interment applicants of SSI.
benefits

Signed: Grace A. Samuelson
Testifier

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Signed: Daniel A. Throckmorton
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April 23, 1998

TO: State of Alaska
Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Louise Dean – Public Member, Chair
Alaska Board of Nursing

SUBJ: Proposed Reductions to the Division of Occupational Licensing
Budget to Fund Department of Law Services

I am writing this in response to the Senate Finance Committee's proposed reductions to the Division of Occupational Licensing Budget to Fund Department of Law Services. As a concerned citizen of Alaska and member of a licensing board, I am opposed to such budget reductions.

The nurses in Alaska have agreed in the past to licensing fee increases to assure the Board of Nursing would be self-supporting. This self-sufficiency ensures regulation of the profession and protection of the public. Nursing has the greatest number of licensees in the State. Recent legislation has given regulatory authority to the Board of Nursing over certified nurse aides. The most important aspect of regulating nursing is protecting the public. The proposed decrement will reduce public protection by delaying or preventing prosecution of unsafe or unethical professionals. The proposed decrement will cut the division's share of the funding for the Department of Law's lead regulations attorney, so delays in processing important regulations will increase. The current time frame between the adoption of regulations and their filing is long enough and additional delays are not acceptable.

Since all of occupational licensing is funded from licensing fees, a budget reduction could not be used for other fiscal needs. The end result would actually be, restricting the Division from spending licensing fee revenue to enforce regulations for the professions paying to be regulated. What will you do with this extra money you can't spend?

Department of Commerce and Economic Development
Impact Statement in Response to
Finance Subcommittee Suggestions for Budget Reductions

Program area: **Division of Occupational Licensing**
 (Use a separate form for each program area.)

Dollar amount(s): **-159.1** Fund source(s): **GF/PR**

Impact Analysis:

The Governor's Budget reduces by \$671.3 the expenditure authority the division gained through the roll-forward of surplus FY 97 revenue. The budget authorizes the division to retain the remaining expenditure authority of \$161.8 in order to maintain services at their current level.

The proposed \$159.1 decrement would reduce services from the FY 98 level by eliminating the following:

1. Eliminating 25% of the division's legal representation in disciplinary actions against incompetent professionals and appeals of license denials (\$102.0).

The division has historically used at least 1,440 hours of legal services annually from the Department of Law. The hourly price of legal representation has increased substantially over the past two years, requiring larger RSA's to maintain the same level of service. The proposed decrement will reduce public protection by delaying or preventing prosecution of unsafe or unethical professionals.

2. Eliminating use of the Department of Law's lead regulations attorney (\$9.8).

The division's 20 licensing boards frequently need to adjust regulations to adapt to changes in the industries they regulate and improve licensing. In order to review regulations in a timely manner, the Department of Law created a regulations attorney position in FY 98. The proposed decrement will cut the division's share of the funding for this position, so delays in processing important regulations will increase. It is not unusual for 6 months to pass between the adoption of regulations and their filing. These delays are very frustrating to boards and their customers.

3. Reducing financial self-sufficiency by paying for a smaller portion of the services provided by the Division of Administrative Services and the Commissioner's Office (\$20.0)

AS 08.01.065(c) requires professionals to pay the cost of regulating their occupation. These costs include Administrative Services and Commissioner's Office support. The division paid the requested \$20.0 in FY 98. The proposed decrement will result in additional cuts to the Division of Administrative Services and the Commissioner's Office and/or reductions in Division of Occupational Licensing services.

4. Eliminating funding for rent in the Frontier Building (\$27.3).

The division will be charged \$29.3 in FY 99 for space it currently occupies in the Frontier Building. The division is obligated to pay for that space, so the proposed decrement will result in reduction of other division activities.



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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 Committee on GRM-Medicare SB 229 Dated 4-23-98
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SIGNED:

Katherine Mann
 Testifier

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Testimony Before the Senate Finance Committee
April 23, 1998
Re: Restoration of Funding for General Relief Medical (GRM)

by

Anne Williams
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Anchorage, AK 99520
907 349-5060

I am here tonight to testify in favor of restoring funding to the State operating budget for General Relief Medical (GRM).

My testimony will be brief. You know the facts about the program by now. My request is this: please don't let an anti-abortion stance stop you from providing relief to the neediest of the needy. Don't let your passion for life cause pain and suffering and even death, in the lives of those already living.

Please restore funding to GRM.

Thank you.

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4-23-98

To the State Finance Committee -

I am a physician at the Community Health Center in Anchorage. Our mission is to serve the medically underserved. Many of my patients receive the assistance of the General Relief Medical program. The majority of my patients on GRM have Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension and chronic mental illness. Because of GRM, they are able to receive the necessary medical care and medications required to control their disease processes, ensure higher quality life and avoid the disastrous and potentially disabling or fatal complications of these diseases. Without GRM these patients cannot afford their medications, or medical care. I will always continue to see these patients, but I cannot provide the medications they need without the assistance of GRM. Just this morning my first five patients were either on GRM or applying for GRM... two have Diabetes and Hypertension, two have Hypertension and one has severe disabling depression. I have managed to minimize their complications and avoid hospitalizations with medications. ^{some of} the complications that we have avoided include blindness, kidney failure, limb amputations, heart attacks, ~~and~~ stroke, and suicide.

These people struggle just to survive given their very limited incomes, stretching their means to afford food and shelter. You must be aware of the ^{high} cost of medications. Can you imagine trying to choose between feeding your family and taking an essential medication? What a cruel position we put them in.

Please stop and consider the program in its entirety. Do not punish all of my extremely medically needy patients

Thank you Sharon Smith MD

APRIL 24th, 1998

Senator Drue Pearce
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator:

I am writing in regard to the House action which eliminated funding for General Relief Medical Assistance from the state operating budget. I am requesting your consideration to please restore this money to the budget.

As you know, GRM is meant to serve the very poorest Alaskans. This essential program assists those in our community with the barest of resources to receive at least basic medical services for chronic or terminal illness. This program will help our residents remain functional and decrease the risk of more severe illness at higher deferred costs to our community and the general public.

The people in this chronic and terminal illness category did not choose their illness. Many times they are unable to obtain employment or health insurance because of these medical and mental problems. Cutting this vital care to the residents of our state will only victimize one group of people because some don't agree with services provided to another group. Please stand up for their health.

Thank you for your consideration of restoration of funding for GRM.

Sincerely,

Connie Markis
Public Health Nurse / Case Manager - Health Care for the Homeless
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Dear members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am going to ask you, Chair Wilken, Senators, to reinstate the language of the original HB 369 when you finalize SB 266.

I know putting Healthy Families Alaska into state statute and authorizing Medicaid payments to the program means added work, but it would provide desperately needed relief to Alaska's children. In fact, Healthy Families helps Alaska's children so much, that I will go further and ask you to reinstate expansion funding.

When I called Rep. Hanley's office the other day, his aide voiced two concerns with HB 369: are the families that Healthy Families serves such self-starters that they would do okay on their own anyway? And isn't establishing a control group the only responsible thing to do if we're to spend state money on this program, to make sure it works?

First, the families we work with rarely contact us to be in the program. A health care provider, with the family's consent, usually refers them to us. A specially trained family assessment worker then contacts the family for an in-depth interview. Stresses such as childhood history of abuse, drug use, or lack of a support system are tallied and scored. Those who are either not under a great deal of stress or have people they can turn to - friends, relatives, or church group, for example - are given information on resources, but not offered home visiting. Home visiting is reserved for those who really need it.

Because our program is voluntary, and because we do the outreach, our home visitors work with people who need help and are willing to accept it. Examples include the mother who was feeding her premature baby once every eight hours instead of every two. She was horrified to think of the damage that she could have done her infant without the information the home visitor provided.

Another mother, married with five children, called her home visitor just last night, hysterical. After a year building trust with her home visitor, she was able to reveal that she had suicidal urges. She had no one - *no one* - else to call. She will be referred to mental health services, and supported as she and her husband work to keep their family as healthy as possible.

Yet another mother, who initially qualified for our program because her baby had medical issues, finally left a violent relationship after her partner did not want to give her money for their infant's prescription. She said she could not have done it without us.

Clearly, these parents want the best for their children, but they lack the information, skills, or just plain emotional support to do things well. This program tips the scale for these families, and helps them achieve their goal of being good parents.

Turning to the issue of the control group, we must look at the cost-benefit ratio of providing home visiting through this particular model. Research including a control group on Healthy Families *Alaska* does not exist. However, we know beyond a reasonable doubt through other control group studies that this program works.

Weighing the benefit side of the equation, control group studies on home visiting programs similar to Healthy Families (as opposed to the case management system discussed in the Newsweek article recently circulated in Juneau) and other Healthy Families programs have documented reductions in child abuse and neglect, as well as gains by parents. I will also send down information on a 27-year-long study of a pre-

school program that included weekly home visits and fostering good parenting, like Healthy Families, that had a tremendous positive impact on children's lives.

Further, the prevention dollars put into Healthy Families leverage state dollars that go into public health, DFYS and others. Home visitors can help identify which services are needed, which aren't, and facilitate connections with the appropriate resource. (I can assure you, by the way, that funding for General Relief Medical and covering pregnant women at 200% of the poverty level are two services which are needed.) We in the non-profit sector make sure we do not duplicate services, since it is a waste of scarce funds and jeopardizes future grant requests. Instead, we work together and with state agencies to ensure that a family is getting the services they need. This reduces the need for intervention dollars, which do not go as far.

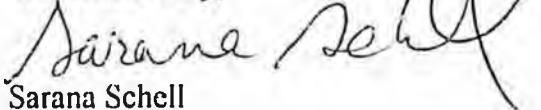
And again, the program is voluntary, so we do not waste time on families who are not interested.

On the cost side of the equation, we could spend a lot of money to provide this program statewide, and serve everyone who qualifies. A control group would verify this as a wise investment, but that research carries a hefty price tag. Are we willing to fund a thirty-year investigation of Healthy Families Alaska? Or settle for a three-year study that could be utterly misleading because it does not reveal long-term effects?

The other cost to consider is the price Alaska's children pay while we wait to act. Imagine the infant only being fed every eight hours. Imagine the mother of five who felt she had no one to turn to giving in to the urge to swerve into an on-coming car. Imagine the infant who goes without medication because his father turns money for the prescription into an issue of power and control over his mother.

Even if we decide we want to form a control group, holding funding back in the meantime is not the only responsible thing we could do. Putting off prevention we can clearly see to be effective would be irresponsible. Our children cannot hold us accountable today, but we will surely pay in the future.

Wholeheartedly,



Sarana Schell
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Fairbanks, AK 99705

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

As a Family Assessment worker for Healthy Families Fairbanks, I have the opportunity to talk with parents prenatally or at the birth of their infant, using a standardized assessment tool that assists to determine a family's level of stress, coping skills, and support system. One of my greatest challenges is outreaching parents who may be in need of parenting information and family support, but not realize it.

True primary prevention would offer a home visit to every new parent in the community. Due to financial constraints, Healthy Families seeks to screen parents most in need of support, parents who may be unlikely to reach out for help, or may be overburdened with stressors.

Over the course of the last year, I have interviewed over 60 parents. I have talked to new parents afraid to pick up their babies due to concerns of spoiling; I have interviewed parents of premature babies unable to visit their infants in the hospital due to lack of transportation, or support at home for their other children. I have interviewed numerous parents with childhood histories of severe abuse and neglect. I have interviewed parents with stated convictions of knowing no one they can trust. I have interviewed mothers who have disclosed that their babies were products of rape; I have interviewed mothers whose partners were incarcerated and unable to be present at their babies' birth. I have interviewed young teens struggling to stay clean from long-standing alcohol and drug abuse. I have interviewed single moms without child support, unable to make it to the end of the month without aid of a food box or their utilities being cut off. I have interviewed parents who disclosed histories of suicide attempts. I interviewed a prenatal parent who stated a possible form of discipline may be to hit her child with a stick and then burn it to dispose of the sin. I interviewed a new mom so depressed that her tears could not be repressed.

The above is only a small glimpse of the stories I hear on a weekly basis. Although each family is unique in its concerns, strengths, and challenges, the common thread among all these families is the desire to be the best they can be for their babies. What is missing from these families is not hope or good intentions, but more often a lack

of parenting information and positive, consistent support; support that buffers the impact of stress.

Home visitors fill this crucial role for many parents who are uncertain of where to turn or are uncomfortable sharing difficulties with family members or friends. A focus on prevention at the very foundation level of parenting is not only essential and cost effective, but common sense. Where new parents are eager and receptive to learn about their babies, home visitation provides an opportunity to work with individuals in the family environment, while home visitors can slowly build relationships with families that have never experienced the luxury of trust in their own lives.

Healthy Families reaches out to parents most at risk, parents that are less likely to seek information and support on their own. We can no longer afford to at best react to Alaska's startling rate of child abuse and neglect. We must be proactive in reducing its very incidence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Bush".

Laura Bush

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Committee on BUDGET / GRM Committee Name SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Dated 4/23/98

Bill / Subject

untreated diabetes does permanent damage to all body organs. Eventually something goes wrong that the Doctors cannot fix. Then you die! I filed a disability claim w/ Social Security on NOV. 1995. SS did not approve my claim until Jan. 16TH 1998. General Relief Medical was the ONLY possible way for me to get my Insulin & High Blood Pressure pills. (OVER)

SIGNED:

JOHN K. SLOANE

Testifier

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**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ALASKA
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**Mrs. Debbie Joslin, Chairwoman
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April 23, 1998

Members of Senate Finance Committee

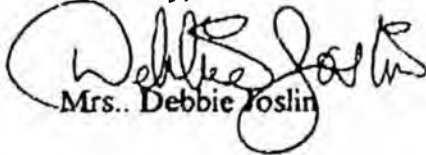
Dear Senator:

I am writing to encourage you to vote to eliminate the General Relief Medical Program in SB 229, the state operating budget.

Our state is in a situation which calls for setting priorities in spending. The money saved by eliminating GRM could be much better spent in other areas. At a time when money is tight, it makes no sense spending money on elective abortions when a majority of the citizens of this state are against government funded abortions. Perhaps a better way to spend some of that money would be to spend it on abstinence training.

Elective abortions paid for with state funds is bad business for the state of Alaska and mighty expensive birth control!

Sincerely,


Mrs.. Debbie Joslin

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April 23, 1998

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

RE: SB 292, Section 12, (d), (11)

THIS IS A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FUNDING FOR A MUCH NEEDED KENAI HEALTH CENTER, AND FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,705,000. THE CURRENT FACILITY WHICH BECAME OCCUPIED IN 1980, HAS BEEN LONG OUTDATED, DOES NOT MEET HANDICAPPED REQUIREMENTS, IS ABLE TO HOUSE ONLY HALF OF THE EMPLOYEES THAT WORK FOR THE HEALTH CENTER, AND IS EXTREMELY OVERCROWDED. THE GROWTH OF POPULATION IN THE CENTRAL PENINSULA AREA THE PAST 18 YEARS NOW LIMITS THE FUNCTION OF THE STAFF AND ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC.

Sincerely

Peter O. Hansen, M. D.



Alaska State Legislature

Bert Sharp

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance committee name

committee on GRM , dated 04-23-98 .
bill/subject

I do not believe abortion financing should be a part of GRM program.
Please keep GRM^{benefits} for interment applicants of SSI.

Signed: Grace A. Samuelson
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Please enter into the record my testimony to the FINANCE committee name

committee on SB 229, dated _____, bill/subject

The shortage of state revenues creates high & sometimes unpleasant choices. We just don't have the dollars to fund everything. I don't think the cut back in medical funding, especially abortions in non-life threatening situations is entirely appropriate. People needing medical help can always rely on charity and the good character of Alaskan doctors. Please don't mortgage the future through continuing the General Medical Relief funding.

Signed: Kenneth D. Rippard
Testifier

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April 23, 1998

Regarding SB 292 and a new Health Center for Kenai:

The current Kenai Public Health Center is much too small for the job it is trying to do.

Access is very difficult for disabled persons.

The staff are tripping over each other.

Services are limited by the lack of space available.

Part of the staff is located at another location making service coordination and communication difficult.

Clients wait in a hallway impeding traffic and distracting other visitors to City Hall.

The Health Center has only one exit and high, basement type windows, so in an emergency leaving the building could be a problem.

Some of the clinic rooms lack sinks.

This list could go on and on. The provision of public health services is important in keeping our population healthy and much less expensive than treating preventable problems. Providing adequate space and client/service friendly environment is part of this responsibility.

Mary Jane Stanley
860 Sunset Dr.
Kenai, ak. 99611



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE
 committee name
 committee on HB 325 / GEN RET, dated 23 April 1998
 bill/subject

I am still owing about \$2800 in doctor's fee. stemming from an accident that resulted in a broken leg in sept '96. I am paying 15-20% of my net income about every week. Sometimes last winter I went without heat in my house. I make only minimum wage.

The limit should be raised to meet standards of minimum wage.

The reduction in these benefits I regard as acts of mass murder, more bloody than the OK city bombing in its impact. There is no excuse for it.

Maybe God is a liar and a murderer. I don't know. But it does not sound like the Bible to me. God has instructed us to heal not kill. Think about it.

Signed: Harvey L. Harris
 Testifier

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committee name

committee on Senate Finance, dated 4-23-89
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Signed: Glenda Peterson

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bill/subject

I hope you will reinstate general relief for individuals during the interim application period of review for their determination of disabilities. These services are essential to some of Alaska's most needy. Sorry that after writing two hours it appears your committee will not have a chance to hear me, or those who came to testify.

Signed: Martin Hopkins
 Testifier

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Finance Members
From: Representative Terry Martin
Date: April 23, 1998
Subject: GRM Information

The Department of Health and Social Services notes that "there is a desire for more detailed information about the General Relief Medical Assistance Program". This is well noted. We have gotten lots of information and it is has often been contradictory. I am thankful to DHSS that we are now getting their explanation of the differing numbers

At one point the DHSS reported 843 abortions for a cost of \$506,000 including transportation and lodging: *Abortion Services by Category of Service - FY 97* [See Attachment A-1]

Next the *Annual Report* and a Department memo tell us that these 843 abortions cost \$892,000 NOT including transportation and lodging. Yesterday, I learned that this cost may include transportation and that the numbers differ (by almost 50%) because of accounting techniques. [Attachment A-2]

The Department had given us the number of abortions as 843 but recently distributed a spreadsheet showing the number of unduplicated recipients at 1,079. The DHSS several days later clarified the report back to 843. [Attachment A-4]

So the most recent real numbers are 843 abortions for \$892,000 at \$1.058 per abortion and 26% of the GRM budget. (Not including ancillary costs?) [A-3]

The *Annual Report* said there were 856 GRM eligibles in 1997 [Attachment A-5]. The report then gives an expenditure summary on that page of \$3.4 million dollars and does not mention that \$892,000 of that amount paid for an additional 843 women to have elective abortions. So now we see there were 1,699 people using GRM!

The *Annual Report* on page 4 says that General Relief Medical is a "...medical assistance program that pays for a very limited amount of health care services for very low income adults who do not qualify for Medicaid". According to their own information (given to us later), one half (843 out of 1,699) of their GRM services were for elective abortions for people who do qualify for Medicaid (but want an elective procedure that Medicaid will not cover)! [Attachment A-6].

The summary of the General Relief Medical Program, by the Division of Medical Assistance, prepared February 27, 1998 gave demographics of the program. The report said that 53% of the GRM recipients were male. The report listed \$3.4 million dollars of expenditures and again decided not to inform the public that \$892,000 of this went for an additional 843 female recipients. Further digging by my staff reveals that the only 'pregnancy-related' service paid for by GRM is abortion. [Attachment A-7]

And further it appears that the Department of Health and Social Services does not follow existing State law (AS 47.25.230. and AS 47.25.240.) to fund emergency medical needs. These statutes require the state to identify persons liable for support of the recipient which

include the spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, or siblings who are financially able to. The statute requires that the legally responsible relative reimburse the state (with interest) for any relief granted in the event that the relative fails to provide for the immediate need. How much money has the Division of Medical Assistance recovered from liable third parties? How much have they tried to recover? [Attachment A-8]

Failure to provide identification of a third party involved who may have a responsibility to pay is supposed to result in the applicant's ineligibility.

The Legislature has no reason to believe that the DHSS has yet provided complete and accurate information nor that it is following its own regulations or State law.

Pro-life legislators are being blasted because they have worked to eliminate funding for the GRM program. The most pressing accusation now is that "the sickest of the sick and the poorest of the poor" will have nowhere else to turn. Indeed, where will they go?

The answer to this can be found, logically, in the Department of Health and Social Services. These people will go to the same places for service that the Department has sent them in past years when it has taken funding intended for their services and spent it on abortions instead.

In past years, the House Finance Committee has sought to stop abortion funding by asking the department how much it spends on abortions. It has then reduced the GRM budget by that amount, with the admonition that it was not to be used to fund abortions. But if the department persists in funding abortions--843 of them costing \$892,000 in FY 97--clearly they have had to turn away the sick and the poor who would have been helped by those funds. Where did these people go last year?

The House Finance Committee has increased appropriations for adoption services, foster family services and adult public assistance programs. Hysterical rhetoric of extreme emotions misleads the public and camouflages the ever-increasing free abortions paid for by the state.

Abortion Services by Category of Service
FY97

AGE Category of Service	Less Than 13		13-16		17-21		22-30		Over 30		Total	
	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars
Physician-43	3	\$985	82	\$14,128	494	\$89,458	788	\$134,592	314	\$45,644	1,681	\$284,807
Clinic-24	1	\$353	11	\$2,100	70	\$14,770	108	\$22,720	52	\$10,900	242	\$50,843
Inpatient-01	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$3,108	1	\$4,228	2	\$7,336
Outpatient-07	0	\$0	3	\$4,299	23	\$28,108	30	\$31,031	2	\$3,041	58	\$67,479
Other Services	0	\$0	103	\$7,173	470	\$35,511	538	\$39,098	202	\$14,391	1,313	\$98,174
TOTAL	4	\$1,338	199	\$27,701	1,057	\$168,847	1,465	\$230,550	571	\$78,253	3,296	\$506,639
Unduplicated Recipients	1		48		270		381		143		843	

RACE Category of Service	White		Native		Black		Hispanic		Other		Total	
	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars
Physician-43	825	\$136,055	465	\$86,369	197	\$27,243	77	\$14,821	117	\$20,319	1,681	\$284,807
Clinic-24	107	\$22,195	71	\$14,485	37	\$8,268	13	\$2,875	14	\$3,020	242	\$50,843
Inpatient-01	0	\$0	2	\$7,336	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	2	\$7,336
Outpatient-07	25	\$30,389	28	\$28,902	1	\$1,434	3	\$5,167	1	\$1,588	58	\$67,479
Other Services	547	\$38,952	554	\$41,010	83	\$3,431	33	\$2,827	96	\$6,953	1,313	\$98,174
TOTAL	1,504	\$227,590	1,120	\$178,102	318	\$43,378	128	\$25,890	228	\$31,890	3,296	\$506,639
Unduplicated Recipients	402		264		81		37		59		843	

INSTATE/OUT of STATE Category of Service	Instate		Out of State		Total	
	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars	# Claim Lines	Dollars
Physician-43	1,676	\$284,398	5	\$409	1,681	\$284,807
Clinic-24	242	\$50,843	0	\$0	242	\$50,843
Inpatient-01	2	\$7,336	0	\$0	2	\$7,336
Outpatient-07	58	\$67,479	0	\$0	58	\$67,479
Other Services	482	\$38,665	831	\$57,509	1,313	\$96,174
TOTAL	2,460	\$448,721	838	\$57,918	3,296	\$506,639
Unduplicated Recipients	785		78		843	

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March 3, 1998

The Honorable Representative Terry Martin
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Dear Representative Martin:

You have raised several questions about some noted discrepancies regarding the data presented by the Division in it's FY97 Annual Report.

1. You have asked about the difference between the unduplicated eligibles for the State Only Programs on page 23 of the FY97 Annual Report as compared to the number of GRM eligibles shown on page 5 of the report. The State Only Programs data on page 23 include the General Relief Medical, Permanent Fund Dividend Hold Harmless and the Alaska Longevity Bonus Hold Harmless programs.
2. You also asked what is included in the 887.8 Abortion XIX expenditure listed as FY97 Actuals on page 35 of the Annual Report; for example, would that amount include all costs associated with the abortion? See the answer to question #3.
3. You have questioned the difference between the amount shown as abortion expenditures on page 35 of the Annual Report compared to the document we previously provided you entitled "Abortion Services by Category of Service FY97" which show a cost for abortions of 506.6.

There are several very important differences between the numbers presented in these two reports. The first difference revolves around the composition of the two numbers. The "Abortion Services by Category of Service FY97" report is limited to expenditures which carry a procedure or diagnosis code indicating abortion. Costs such as transportation, pharmacy, laboratory or accommodation do not carry either an abortion procedure or diagnosis code and are not included in the report. The expenditures in the Annual Report are from the state accounting system and includes a quarterly transfer of expenditures for the abortion client's costs within 2 weeks of the abortion procedure from the related medicaid category of service to the GRM Abortion XIX colocation code 956. These transfers were initiated a number of years ago as a result of federal reviews of abortion services to limit the expenditure of federal funds around this issue.

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Representative Terry Martin
March 10, 1998
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The second difference is that the expenditure information presented in the Annual Report is based upon the date that claims were paid. Therefore, in the Annual Report, the expenditure information reflects all expenditures made during FY97 irrespective of when the medical service was provided. The expenditure information presented in the "Abortion Services by Category of Service FY97" report is based upon the date the services were provided irrespective of when the claims were actually paid. Across all medical assistance providers there is a lag on average of from 1 to 5 months from the date a service is provided until the claim is submitted by the provider and paid by the medical assistance program. Therefore, the transfers noted in the previous paragraph are based on date of service but made quarterly on the claims payment system. Which further distorts the difference between the numbers in the two reports.

Each report has been developed to serve specific purposes. As a result the information between the two is not very comparable. The Annual Report is designed to present information around what did the Medical Assistance program pay for during the fiscal year. The Medical Assistance program reports expenditures to the Alaska State Accounting System based upon the date that claims were paid. Therefore, all claims paid during FY97 are reported as expenditures of FY97. This allows for fast and timely comparison of a fiscal year's expenditures with the appropriation for the same period. This is the perspective of from which most policy makers and reviewers view the Medical Assistance program's activities.

The "Abortion Services by Category of Service FY97" report generated each year is designed to answer the question: during the fiscal year how many abortions were provided and at what cost? This report takes a snapshot in time well after the close of the fiscal year. Therefore, most of the expenditures reported were paid during FY97; but some of the expenditures were actually paid from FY98. Again this is because we are counting the number of times that procedure or diagnosis code occurred during a fiscal year.

4. What is the relationship of the number of 856 GRM eligibles listed on page 5 of the Annual Report and the 843 number of unduplicated recipients listed on the abortion report we previously provided you? The 856 GRM eligibles listed in the Annual Report does not include the 843 Medicaid clients receiving abortion services.

As a result of your questions the Division will be examining the transfer process and the criteria used for opportunities to increase federal participation in some of these costs.

Sincerely,



Bob Labbe
Director

Acct	Category of Service	FY96 Actuals	FY97 Actuals
	TOTAL ALL MEDICAID SERVICES	326,276.2	348,170.3
	GENERAL RELIEF MEDICAL		
	GRM HOSPITAL		
900	Inpatient Hospital	1,113.8	684.3
905	Outpatient Hospital	0.2	0.2
	TOTAL GRM HOSPITAL	1,114.0	684.5
930	GRM PHYSICIANS SERVICES	1,080.4	1,148.6
	TOTAL GRM PHYSICIANS SERVICES	1,080.4	1,148.6
	GRM OTHER SERVICES		
939	GRM Other Services	0.0	0.0
940	Pharmaceuticals XIX	0.0	0.0
941	Pharmaceuticals GRM	394.7	488.4
942	Transportation	91.7	118.7
943	Dental Care XIX	0.0	0.0
944	Dental Care GRM	3.5	3.6
947	Pros Device-Medical Equipment	19.2	20.8
950	Independent Labs	16.3	19.3
951	Nursing Home Care	(60.0)	13.3
955	Family Planning	2.8	2.3
956	Abortion XIX	654.8	887.8
957	Sterilization (ALL OTHER)	23.2	18.2
958	Abortion GRM	4.8	4.4
	TOTAL GRM OTHER SERVICES	1,151.0	1,576.8
989	TPL Recovery Contract	16.3	2.9
	TOTAL TPL RECOVERY CONTRACT	16.3	2.9
	TOTAL ALL GRM SERVICES	3,361.7	3,412.9
	ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS HOLD HARMLESS		
790	ALB Hold Harmless	29.4	43.3
	TOTAL ALB HOLD HARMLESS	29.4	43.3
	PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND HOLD HARMLESS		
750	PFD Hold Harmless Non-Facility	122.8	139.4
760	PFD Hold Harmless Facilities	390.0	314.0
	TOTAL PFD HOLD HARMLESS	512.8	453.4
	TOTAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	330,180.1	353,079.8

3/18/98

Medicaid and General Relief Medical Services in Alaska

FY	No. Recipients		From DHSS Annual Reports*				Abortion % GRM Total	Total Medicaid Costs	Category of Service Report DHSS**	
	GRM	Medicaid	Abortion Costs		Total	Number			Total Cost / FY	
			Title XIX	GRM	GRM Costs					
97	856	71,179	\$887,800	\$4,400	\$3,412,864	26%	\$319,170,283	843	\$506,639	
96	760	69,608	\$654,800	\$4,800	\$3,361,700	20%	\$326,276,200	737	\$487,101	
95	646	69,739	\$631,500	\$4,400	\$4,389,400	14%	\$295,926,800	703	\$456,997	
94	680	69,631	\$592,800	\$1,500	\$7,466,400	8%	\$272,977,600	649	\$308,989	
93	603	63,663	\$351,200	\$2,000	\$6,188,500	6%	\$224,142,100	814	\$389,658	
92	862	57,251	\$359,700	\$4,800	\$5,820,600	6%	\$200,596,400	852	\$398,434	
91	733	47,802	\$309,100	\$7,800	\$5,592,200	6%	\$173,761,000	823	\$415,539	
90	507	40,447	\$314,400	\$7,800	\$6,067,238	5%	\$146,799,100	626	\$370,818	
89	582	37,460			\$7,706,600		\$121,021,600	729	\$423,187	
88		33,490			\$9,225,355			463	\$210,207	
87		29,319								
86		28,386								
85		19,946								
84										
83										
82										
81							\$39,218,437			
80							\$33,256,620			
79					\$6,769,100		\$38,811,695			
78					\$6,213,100		\$25,915,719			
77	2,631	11,815			\$3,743,128		\$18,608,568			
76					\$2,881,213		\$14,328,201			
75	3,300	9,770			\$2,358,080		\$9,320,753			
74	3,800	8,500			\$2,576,457		\$6,869,286			
73	5,000	7,000			\$3,675,277		\$4,447,219			
72					\$7,028,462		Medicaid Starts			
71					\$5,307,445					
70					\$3,250,159					
69					\$2,356,496					
		* Does not include transportation or other costs				**Includes transportation and other costs				

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3/10/98

Medicaid and General Relief Medical Services in Alaska

FY	From 1992 Audit Abortions		Dental GRM	Dental %GRM	glasses hearing aids	physical/ occupational therapy	Prosthetic Medical	Prosthetic %GRM	Medicaid Eligibles	Total Medical
	'Elective'	'Non-elective'								
97			\$3,600	0.11%	0	0	\$20,800	0.61%	87,977	353,079,800
96			\$3,500	0.10%	0	0	\$19,200	0.57%	87,159	330,180,200
95			\$24,200	0.55%	0	0	\$23,600	0.54%	86,445	300,981,100
94			\$19,900	0.27%	0	0	\$14,100	0.19%	83,920	281,099,300
93			\$28,100	0.45%	0	0	\$25,500	0.41%	78,418	231,033,500
92			\$20,100	0.35%	0	0	\$22,400	0.38%	69,286	208,008,100
91	877	1,167	\$8,900	0.16%	0	0	\$12,500	0.22%	57,251	182,582,900
90	674	898	\$27,200	0.45%	0	0	\$27,300	0.45%	49,622	155,092,695
89	751	924							46,090	130,630,500
88									44,872	109,526,900
87									41,559	92,899,200
86										
85										
84										
83										
82										
81										
80										
79										
78										
77										22,351,696
76									22,952	
75										11,034,251
74										9,678,712
73										8,017,103
72										7,028,462
71										5,307,445
70										3,250,159
69										2,356,496

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April 22, 1998

The Honorable Terry Martin
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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Martin:

I wanted to clarify the diagnosis code information provided to you on April 18th in the packet of General Relief Medical Assistance materials delivered to your office, as it seems to be causing some confusion.

The diagnosis codes were provided in order to allow legislators to review the conditions for which clients apply to the program for treatment. Diagnosis codes are required on the claim form submitted by the rendering provider in order to receive payment. The diagnosis codes are at the discretion of the provider, and multiple diagnosis codes are frequent / submitted on a single claim to describe all of the physical factors the provider feels appropriate in describing the patient's condition. Because multiple diagnosis codes are submitted for treatment of a single patient, the number of diagnosis codes on the list exceeds the number of clients served by the program.

I apologize for not having clearly explained this with the transmission of the diagnosis code materials.

*But the heading
clearly states
"Unduplicated
Receipts"*

Sincerely,

Bob Labbe

Bob Labbe,
Director

Abortions by Diagnosis

Diagnosis	Description	Unduplicated Recipients	Claim Lines
63590	LEGAL ABORT UNCOMPL-UNSP	510	2,478
V617	UNWANTED PREGNANCY NEC	233	349
635	LEGALLY INDUCED ABORTION	59	59
V2502	INITIATE CONTRACEPT NEC	53	56
63592	LEGAL ABORT UNCOMPL-COMP	45	56
6359	LEGAL ABORT UNCOMPLICAT	39	93
30928	ADJ REACT-MIXED EMOTION	18	21
V2509	CONTRACEPTIVE MANGMT NEC	17	24
V259	CONTRACEPTIVE MANGMT NOS	17	27
V724	PREG EXAM-PREG UNCONFIRM	15	15
V2549	CONTRACEPT SURVEILL NEC	10	16
V2540	CONTRACEPT SURVEILL NOS	9	18
6561	RHESUS ISOIMMUNIZATION	6	10
6352	LEGAL ABORT W PELV CAMAG	4	4
6260	ABSENCE OF MENSTRUATION	3	7
65641	INTRAUTER DEATH-DELIVER	3	4
V222	PREG STATE, INCIDENTAL	3	8
V7283	OTH SPCF PREOP EXAM	2	2
V22	NORMAL PREGNANCY	2	3
63572	LEG AB W COMPL NEC-COMP	2	2
63790	AB NOS UNCOMPLICAT-UNSP	2	2
6350	LEGAL ABORT W PELVIC INF	2	3
6358	LEGAL ABORT W COMPL NOS	1	3
63571	LEG AB W COMPL NEC-INC	1	1
63500	LEG ABOR W PELV INF-UNSP	1	2
6430	MILD HYPEREMESIS GRAVID	1	2
6268	MENSTRUAL DISORDER NEC	1	2
61610	VAGINITIS NOS	1	1
41519	PULM EMBOL/INFARCT NEC	1	1
6351	LEGAL ABORT W HEMORRHAGE	1	1
65963	CTH ADVNCD MTRNL AGE ANT	1	2
V4589	POS *SURGICAL STATES NEC	1	1
V255	INSERTION OF IMPLANTABLE SUBDERMAL CONTR	1	2
V2542	IUD SURVEILLANCE	1	2
V2501	PRE CRIP-ORAL CONTRACEPT	1	3
V242	ROUT POSTPART FOLLOW-UP	1	1
6400	THREATENED ABORTION	1	1
7989	UNATTENDED DEATH	1	1
6371	ABORT NOS W HEMORRHAGE	1	2
65613	IRH ISOIMMUNIZAT-ANTEPART	1	1
65501	FETAL CNS MALFORM-DELIV	1	1
6550	FETAL CNS MALFORMATION	1	1
64003	THREAT ABORT ANTEPARTUM OR POSTPARTUM	1	1
6387	ATTEMP ABORT W COMPL NEC	1	3
63791	AB NOS UNCOMPLICAT-INC	1	2
6379	ABORTION NOS UNCOMPLICAT	1	1
99553	CHILD MALTREATMENT SYNDROME	1	1

Total 1,079 3,296

	GRM		PFDHH		Medicaid	
FY97 Eligibles	856		764		87,977	
Race Distribution	White	79%	White	47%	White	45%
	Black	9%	Alaska Native	42%	Alaska Native	37%
	Hispanic	3%	Black	4%	Black	6%
	Asian	3%	Asian	2%	Hispanic	4%
	Unknown	2%	Hispanic	2%	Asian	3%
	Alaska Native	2%	American Indian	1%	Unknown	2%
	Pacific Islander	2%	Unknown	1%	Pacific Islander	2%
American Indian	1%			American Indian	1%	
Age	21-44	61%	21-44	75%	21-44	27%
	45-64	36%	45-64	13%	6-14	24%
	15-20	2%	65+	5%	1-5	19%
			15-20	3%	15-20	10%
			6-14	2%	0	7%
			1-5	1%	65+	6%
					45-64	6%
Eligibles by location	Anchorage	46%	Anchorage	25%	Anchorage	34%
	Fairbanks	11%	Fairbanks	7%	Fairbanks	7%
	Wasilla	8%	Wasilla	6%	Wasilla	5%
	Juneau	4%	Palmer	5%	Juneau	3%
	Palmer	4%	Emmonak	2%	Palmer	2%
	North Pole	3%	Kodiak	2%	Ketchikan	2%
	Soldotna	3%	Kipnuk	2%	Kenai	2%
	Ketchikan	2%	Togiak	2%	Soldotna	2%
	Sitka	2%	Nunapitchuk	2%	North Pole	2%
	Homer & Eagle River	1%	Delta Junction	2%	Kodiak	2%
	Kodiak & Big Lake	1%	Soldotna	2%	Homer	1%
Expenditure by Category of Service	Physician	41%	Nursing Home	65%	Hospital	34%
	Hospital	34%	Hospital	13%	Physician	17%
	Pharmacy	15%	Physician	9%	Nursing Home	12%
	Other	6%	Pharmacy	5%	Physician	17%
	Transportation	3%	Mental Health Clinics	3%	Mental Health Clinics	10%
	Nursing Home	1%	Other	3%	Other	3%
			Transportation	2%	Pharmacy	7%
					Waivers	5%
				EPSDT	4%	
				Transportation	3%	
Expenditures	\$3,412,364.51		\$453,441.69		\$349,170,283.57	

Defining Medical Assistance

The Division of Medical Assistance, within Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), administers programs that are designed to help residents meet their medical needs: Medicaid and General Relief Medical (GRM). The Permanent Fund Dividend Hold Harmless (PFDHH) and the Alaska Longevity Bonus Hold Harmless (ALBHH) programs are also available to help Medicaid recipients maintain Medicaid eligibility. While the GRM, PFDHH and ALBHH programs are vital to the health care of many Alaskans, this report will emphasize the Medicaid program as it serves more people and requires greater expenditures.

Overview of Medical Assistance

Medicaid is an "entitlement program" created by the federal government, but administered by the state, to provide payment for medical services for low-income citizens. People qualify for Medicaid by meeting federal income and asset standards and by fitting into a specified eligibility. Under federal rules, DHSS has authority to limit services as long as the services provided are adequate in "amount, duration, and scope" to satisfy the recipient's medical needs.

Medicaid began as a program to pay for health care for poor people who were unable to work. It covered the aged, the blind, the disabled, and single parent families. Over the years, Medicaid has expanded to cover more people. For instance, children and pregnant women may qualify under higher income limits and without asset limits. Families with unemployed parents may qualify, and families who lose regular Family Medicaid because a parent returns to work may continue to be covered for up to one year.

There have also been changes in the eligibility rules for people who need the level of care provided in an institution, such as a nursing home. Now, most Alaskans who need — but cannot afford — this expensive care may qualify for Medicaid. In addition, recent changes within the Alaska Medicaid program give some people who need an institutional level of care the opportunity to stay at home to receive that care.

General Relief Medical (GRM) is a 100% state-funded medical assistance program that pays for a very limited amount of health care services for very low income adults who do not qualify for Medicaid. Covered services include limited inpatient hospital stays and prescription drugs for individuals with certain chronic illnesses.

The Alaska Legislature created the *Permanent Fund Dividend Hold Harmless* program (PFDHH) to protect those Medicaid clients who would lose their eligibility as a result of receipt or retention of the Permanent Fund Dividend. Receipt of the PFD

How it works

Eligibility for Medicaid is determined by the Division of Public Assistance according to federal and state rules. The case worker will look at age, income, assets, disability status, and other factors to determine what eligibility category will work. Once determined eligible, the individual will be assigned a unique identification number and issued a Medicaid coupon, which contains information on removable labels. For the most part, recipients are able to choose their own health care provider, but before Medicaid will pay the medical bill, the provider must be enrolled with the Medicaid program. When services are provided, the enrolled provider removes one of the labels and sticks it on a special claim form. Some providers are also able to submit claims electronically. All prescription drug claims are submitted electronically. Before Medicaid reimburses the provider, a claim review is done to make sure the claim fits within acceptable medical and fiscal guidelines. Reimbursement rates for physicians and other private practice providers are established according to a methodology that assigns a relative value to the service provided. Hospital and nursing home rates are established by a special rate setting commission. Except for established recipient cost sharing amounts, providers must agree to accept the Medicaid rate as full reimbursement and not require the recipient to pay more.

GENERAL RELIEF MEDICAL (GRM) ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- A person with a monthly income of less than \$300 and less than \$500 in assets.
- A person with an immediate need for medical care for a terminal illness, chemotherapy treatment for cancer, or a chronic condition such as diabetes, a seizure disorder, chronic mental illness, or hypertension, and therapeutic abortions.

WHAT SERVICES ARE COVERED?

- Hospital, nursing home care, physician services, laboratory, x-rays, prescription drugs, medical transportation, and outpatient surgical center services.
- Physician services are limited to 12 visits per year and hospitalization is limited to eight days per year.
- A GRM recipient must pay \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$200 per hospital admission, and \$1 copayment on each prescribed drug or medical supply item.
- Payment for facility services is limited to 28.7% of the Medicaid rate.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE GRM PROGRAM

- 79% are White, 9% are Black, 3% are Hispanic - *What happened to Natives receiving abortions? 30%*
- * • 53% are male
- 61% are between the ages of 21 and 44; 36% are between the ages of 45 and 64.
- 44% reside in Anchorage, 13% in Fairbanks, 7% in Wasilla, 4% each in Juneau and Palmer.

FY97 EXPENDITURES

Hospital	\$ 684.5
Physician	\$1,148.6
Other services	<u>\$1,579.8</u>
TOTAL	\$3,412.9 - <i>Does this include P.F. hold harmless \$\$\$?</i>

Applicable Statutes:

AS 47.25.230. Persons Liable For Support and Burial.

Every needy person shall be supported while living and upon dying, shall be given a decent burial by the spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, or siblings of the needy person, if they, or any of them, have the ability to do so, in the order named. Every designated person who fails to support the needy person when directed by the department to do so, or fails to give the needy person a decent burial shall reimburse the state or a municipality for the funds expended by either the state or a municipality for the relief or burial of the needy person, and these sums with interest and costs may be recovered by the state or a municipality of the state in a civil action.

AS 47.25.240. Action Against Person Liable For Care of Recipient.

If, during the continuance of an allowance, the department ascertains that a person liable for the support of the recipient of assistance is able to provide the necessary care and support of the recipient, and the person liable for the care and support of the recipient fails or refuses to support and care for the recipient, the state has a claim for the assistance against the person liable for it. This claim may be enforced by civil action brought in the name of the state by the attorney general against the person liable for the recovery of the amount of money, with interest, paid to the recipient, together with the costs and disbursements of the action.



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April 23, 1998

Dear Senators:

Older Persons Action Group supports the Alaska Commission on Aging's resolution 98-10, "In support of the *General Relief Medical Program.*"

We urge you to seriously consider restoration of these funds to meet the most immediate needs of Alaska's poorest adults and children.

Sincerely,
OPAG

Thelma Langdon
Vice-President

Enclosure: Resolution 98-10

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Alaska Commission on Aging

RESOLUTION 98-10

In support of the General Relief Medical Program

WHEREAS, adversity can come to any of us, when we least expect it, causing us to experience extreme and unforeseen physical and/or mental illness and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services General Relief Medical program serves as a modest source of immediately necessary medical assistance for the poorest of ill adult Alaskans who do not have children at home; and

WHEREAS, these Alaskans are affected by such conditions as diabetes, mental illness, hypertension, heart disease, cancer, seizure disorders, accident injuries, and chronic alcoholism, and many are awaiting disability determinations; and

WHEREAS, if the General Relief Medical program were deleted, many of these extremely vulnerable Alaskans would inevitably experience medical crises prompting costly emergency room care and hospitalization—expenses to be borne as charity care by Alaska's community hospitals and medical community,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Commission on Aging urges the Alaska Legislature to assure that a medical safety net is retained to meet the most immediate medical needs of the poorest of Alaskan adults without children at home.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 1998.

Donald M. Hoover

Donald Hoover, Chair

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**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ALASKA
DISTRICT 35**

**Mrs. Debbie Joslin, Chairwoman
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April 23, 1998

Members of Senate Finance Committee


Dear Senator:

I am writing to encourage you to vote to eliminate the General Relief Medical Program in SB 229, the state operating budget.

Our state is in a situation which calls for setting priorities in spending. The money saved by eliminating GRM could be much better spent in other areas. At a time when money is tight, it makes no sense spending money on elective abortions when a majority of the citizens of this state are against government funded abortions. Perhaps a better way to spend some of that money would be to spend it on abstinence training.

Elective abortions paid for with state funds is bad business for the state of Alaska and mighty expensive birth control!

Sincerely,


Mrs. Debbie Joslin



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April 15, 1997

To All Legislators for the State of Alaska

Dear Legislators:

The health of our state depends on the health of ALL of its residents, therefore to reduce the General Relief Medical (GRM) program that provides health services to almost 1,700 of Alaska's poorest and sickest residents, is unconsionable.

To qualify for this program a person must be an Alaskan resident, have a monthly income of less than \$300 and no more then \$500 in assets, and have a major medical need and no the way to pay.

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Please take into consideration this urgent request.

Sincerely,

Celeste Benson for Thelma Langdon

Thelma Langdon
Legislative Committee

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ALASKA STATE

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME

ASSOCIATION

April 20, 1998

Senator Drue Pearce, Co-Chair
Senator Bert Sharp, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

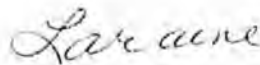
Dear Senator Pearce and Sharp:

The Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) is strongly opposed to the elimination of funding for General Relief Medical that pays the medical expenses for the poorest of the poor Alaskans. These people are chronically or terminally ill and have no other source of health care coverage and require immediate medical care.

It is our belief that these people who now receive very limited health care services and do not qualify for Medicaid, will end up costing the health care system far more by not receiving ongoing care and instead be forced to use costly Emergency Room services.

ASHNHA urges you to reconsider your decision to eliminate funding for this indigent population.

Sincerely,



Laraine L. Derr
President/CEO

MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 15, 1998
To: All Legislators for the State of Alaska
From: Celeste Benson

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Celeste

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PLEASE FUND THE GRM PROGRAM!

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Senator Drue Pearce
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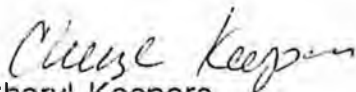
Dear Senator,

Several items for which I ask your support:

1. Support the bills that would provide health insurance for children and pregnant women. This makes good sense for all by preventing serious health problems. Please don't be tempted to cut the part for pregnant women: good prenatal health care for the mother is vitally important for the baby.
2. Support funding for general relief medical. This is the last resort for people who have no other options. It is a small amount in the overall budget but makes a significant difference for the people that need it.
3. Support funding for the Women & Children's Residential Program operated by Fairbanks Native Association. This is a very successful treatment program, one that is unfortunately very needed in this state. They treat women & and their children for alcohol and substance abuse, and help them return to their communities to lead sober and productive lives. They need operating funds (\$600,000) and capital funds (\$750,000) to purchase the building they use. Federal dollars established the program, and have shown how successful it can be. Now the State needs to take over supporting this program.

Thank you for supporting children and others in need.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Keepers
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April 13, 1998

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to encourage you to fund Smart Start legislation that Governor Knowles has proposed. I want to strengthen substance abuse treatment for women & children. As a nurse I realize that prevention of alcohol & drug abuse is very important. We need to help the families affected by this illness of alcoholism or the use of mind altering substances will continue into the next generation.

I believe it is very cost effective to provide comprehensive services to pregnant women and to women with dependent children who are abusing alcohol and other substances. The FNA Women & Children's Residential Treatment Center (WCRP) in Fairbanks Alaska, is such a substance abuse treatment center and needs state funding to continue its services.

Alaska needs many more such programs for women and children. Funding programs for women and children will lead to a savings for the future. While mothers are in treatment programs, problems that they may be experiencing can be remediated with case management of family counseling, mental health assessment and counseling, play therapy, medical/dental screenings and assessments, nutritional screenings etc.

Preventing alcohol and other drugs affected infants is a priority as children with neurological problems due to toxic substances their mother used before they were born can not be cured. The damage to the brain is permanent yet it is preventable for other fetuses by helping young women before conception and other mothers to be who use substances to get into treatment prior to any damage to the unborn child. Prevention is less costly than dealing with damaged individuals for a lifetime.

After the damage early intervention programs such as WCRP are very necessary. The best way to help drug exposed children is to help their mothers recover from addiction. At WCRP they concentrate treatment on both abstinence from drugs and successful parenting. They realize that for the mother to recover, caring for her children needs to be a part of the recovery process. WCRP provides a culturally appropriate environment to support the mothers success in both treatment and parenting. Please strengthen your support for substance abuse treatment for women and children by supporting Smart Start and WCRP.

Sincerely, *Louisa B Hisamoto*

Louisa B. Hisamoto, RN
3985 Dundas Ave.
Fairbanks, Ak 99709

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Senate Finance Committee
Attn.: Senator Drue Pearce
(907)465-3872

22 April 98

Regards: Proposed cuts in the General Relief Medical fund

Dear Drue:

I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed cuts in the GRM fund. I had to use this fund in the Fall of 1997 and it kept me alive. As you know, I developed Aids at that time and was unable to work, and was therefore unable to pay my health insurance as I had no income. I needed a lot of medical attention and expensive drugs in order to turn this disease around. I was eventually able to obtain my medical needs through other sources but would probably not have made it if not for GRM.

As a lifelong Republican, I can certainly understand, and even agree overall, with being fiscally conservative. However, as a Christian, I believe that we have a moral imperative to help those that are unable to help themselves, especially the sick and poor. To do otherwise is to be not only morally irresponsible, but evil.

We have \$23 billion in the Permanent Fund. Perhaps it is time to take a look at using a small portion of these earnings to establish endowments to fund programs such as the GRM in order to assure future generations of this minimum of safety nets and our own place in history as a morally responsible people.

Sincerely:

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cc: Sen. Jerry Ward
Rep. Joe Green

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TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR
State of Alaska

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

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April 22, 1998

Senator Drue Pearce
Room 518
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Dear Senator Pearce:

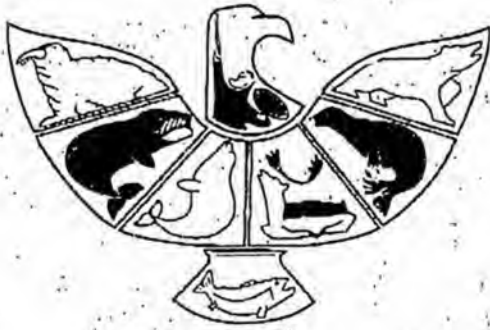
The House has passed a version of the Operating Budget that cuts all funding for the General Relief Medical program (GRM). Now it is up to the Senate to reinstate funding for this program, which provides medical services to some of the poorest and sickest Alaskans. The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education is concerned about the welfare of these citizens if payments for medical services are eliminated. We join with the Mental Health Trust Authority and the Governor's Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in reiterating our concern about the effects of zeroing-out GRM funding.

The GRM provides health services to some 1,700 Alaskans. Over half of these people depend on GRM for emergency and chronic care. The program provides payment for treatment of chronic physical and mental illnesses, such as chemotherapy, prescribed medical supplies, and short-term hospitalization. To be eligible for GRM assistance, a person has to earn less than \$300 a month and have less than \$500 in assets. If GRM services are eliminated, nearly 900 of Alaska's most needy citizens will be unable to receive necessary medical care.

The Council urges the Senate Finance Committee to continue funding of the General Relief Medical program. GRM has existed since 1953 to provide medical care for low-income Alaskans who do not qualify for Medicaid or other programs. Without GRM funding, hospitals and other care-providers would be forced to absorb the costs of these services themselves, which could impact medical prices across the board. The Council hopes the Senate will not be willing to deny \$3.5 million in medical care to the poorest Alaskans for treatment of chronic illnesses.

Sincerely,

Ernie Dummann
Legislative Liaison



Alaska Native Health Board

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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Native Health Board to urge your support for House Bill 189, which has been languishing in your committee for most of this session. This proposed legislation would help reduce both the appeal of tobacco products and access to these products by youth by eliminating self-service tobacco displays in almost all retail locations:

Such legislation has broad public support for the following reasons:

- Self-service tobacco displays greatly increase the likelihood of shoplifting. The 1995 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that 18.6% of Alaskan middle school students who smoke reported that their most common source of cigarettes is to steal them. With last year's tobacco price increase, the problem has no doubt gotten worse.
- Putting tobacco products behind the counter forces the customer to ask the clerk for the product. This interaction increases the likelihood that the clerk will ask for I.D. In addition, some kids will not have the nerve to ask for tobacco products at all.
- Self-service displays are designed to promote the use of tobacco products, the leading cause of death in this country. They often use images that are especially enticing to youth.

Another benefit of HB 189 is that it removes the loophole in state law that currently allows young clerks to sell tobacco to other kids without risk of penalty.

I have spoken with many legislators of both parties and found unanimous support for this common-sense bill. Please pass it out of your committee as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Holen
Anne Marie Holen
SmokeLess States Project Manager

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April 14, 1998

Senator Drue Pearce
Senate
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RE: HB 201

Dear Senator Pearce:

We would like to let you know of our opposition to HB 201. We understand the desire to consolidate state programs, however, we believe that DHSS is not equipped to handle this task. DPA Director Jim Nordlund testified to this effect on April 14, 1998, at the House HESS committee hearing, and we support his position.

If it is the legislature's intent to consolidate Alaska's child care programs, then we want you to know that we would support consolidation under the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. DCRA, in reality, administers Alaska's child care program, and it would only make sense to continue the program there.

Sincerely,

David P. Newell Theresa Doolen

David P. Newell and Theresa Doolen

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Honorable Senator Drue Pearce

Please support HB 234. As a nurse I see the many unmet medical needs. People get denied glasses, dental care, hearing aids etc. Mistakes are made taking medication because people can't see to read the label. health deteriorates from improper diets because they can not chew related to dental needs. inability to hear impacts how well they are able to follow through with medical and every day care needs. HB 234 is a step in the right direction to prioritize medical funding. There are greater needs in our communities that will affect the daily health and well being of people. Pass HB 234. Thank-you

Respectfully
Jean Dore BSN CRRN

To: Rep. Hanley
 Rep. Theriault
 Senator Pierce
 Senator Sharp

Dear Legislators:

On June 28, 1997, I was awakened by a knock on my door. There stood an Alaska State Trooper who proceeded to inform me that my brother, Brad McKeown, my only sibling, was not only dead, but had been brutally murdered that night. From that moment until now, my life has been forever changed and I am painstakingly attempting to piece back together my life which now has a very large hole in it.

Through this process, I have come to learn about victims for justice. They have been a tremendous help to me in guiding me through the emotional process of my recovery. Additionally, they have extended their knowledge to me of the judicial process (which I knew nothing about) and have helped me work through that process as well. This, of course though, has been at a distance of 350 miles over the phone which poses a problem we really need to solve here - firsthand!

Public Safety

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April 21, 1998

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Senator Drue Pearce
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99001-1102

SUBJECT: VPSO SALARY INCREASE

Dear Senator Pearce,

We write this letter to request your support for our Village Public Safety Officer's (VPSO) salary increases within the State of Alaska.

As you know, VPSO's are the first responders to all crimes and emergency situations in rural Alaska. VPSO's are usually the only trained source of law enforcement in the villages and residents rely on them daily and expect them to respond quickly.

In addition to law enforcement, search and rescue, medical emergency, fire suppression and prevention, more responsibilities are being placed on VPSO's as a result of new Legislative laws. They will soon be responsible for Sex Offender registration.

If the need arises, they will call the Alaska State Troopers, whose response time can vary from several hours to several days. During this time, VPSO's are expected to stabilize the situation, most often putting their lives at risk, as they are not allowed to carry weapons and most VPSO's do not have another officer to back them up.

Since the inception of the program, VPSO's have been grossly underpaid. The starting salary for VPSO's is \$11.98 and the turnover rate is high. Consequently, their morale is low and this causes additional unnecessary stress. VPSO's are qualifying for food stamps, energy assistance, and welfare assistance. These programs are available to those in need.

Senator Pearce
April 21, 1998
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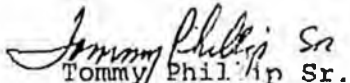
For many years, we have tried to convince the State of Alaska that an increase in funding is needed for a salary increase. VPSO's are not State employees, yet they work hand in hand with the Department of Public Safety. The VPSO program has saved the State of Alaska massive amounts of money by contracting with non-profit organizations, whereby, providing quality public safety to the residents of Alaska.

The time is long overdue for our VPSO's to be recognized, respected and valued by the State of Alaska. Again, we ask for your support to provide our VPSO's a livable wage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

KONGIGANAK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL


Tommy Phillip Sr.
President

March , 1998

Dear Legislators,

If you are ever in a position to speak up for or vote on funding Alaskan school construction/maintenance, please do so. I am a resident of Kenny Lake, part of the Copper River Basin. I have heard that we as a community are seen by many legislators as a controversial area, but even so, we are in need of your help in obtaining a new elementary building for our public school children. Our school is presently number six on the CIP construction list and slotted for the second year (FY 00) on the Preferred Maintenance List and on Governor Knowels proposal. We are not looking for swimming pools or full size gyms; we would like comfortable sized classrooms, prep areas, a multi-media room, a small multi-purpose room and working bathrooms.

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We are constantly hearing from Juneau that our children are one of our State's most important assets. We don't have many children in our community, but they are just as important as other children in this state. Right now they are being housed in unsafe, unstable and unsanitary conditions. Please do what you can to push through funding for our school facilities.

Sincerely,



April 8
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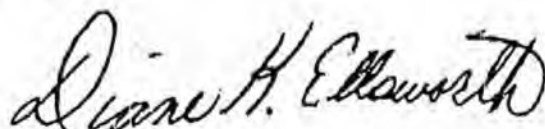
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Maurice A. Kimberlin

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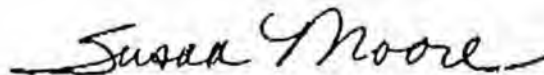
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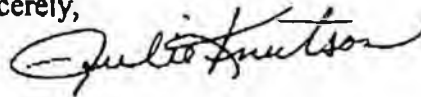
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Carla D. Schucholt

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Karen Allen
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March , 1998

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Jan Carlson

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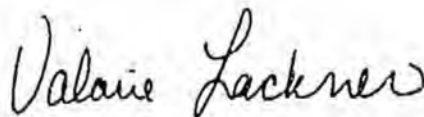
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DATE: 5/5/98

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony for the

Senate Finance (SB231) teleconference scheduled on

5/4/98. A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your committee via fax.

Thank you,
Fran/ Fran L10



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SPIN
 Committee on 2002 Museum Expansion Committee Name
 Dated May 5, 1998
Bill / Subject
Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks

Enclosed three pages re:
 \$500,000 State Funding Request

H. Steve G. Jelicinski & Margaret A. Jelicinski

SIGNED:

Stan E. Mergo Jelicinski
 Testifier

Friends of the Museum (Vol A)
 Representing

P.O. Box 81301 Fairbanks, AK 99708 (907) 479-6878
 Address / Phone Number



NEW CENTURY * BUILDING EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

2002 Museum Expansion Campaign

A Case for Support of the \$500,000 State Funding Request

Facts:

When the University of Alaska Museum opened in 1980, it was expected to be the first phase of a larger structure. At the time, the hope was that the Museum would receive additional funding from the Alaska State Legislature to add Phase II. But the Legislature moved on to other priorities and the Museum remained its original size.

Now we have simply run out of room. Our Alaskan fine art collection, more than 3,000 pieces in all, is in storage in the basement. Our visitors are elbow-to-elbow. Perhaps most importantly, our research scientists have run out of room to study and house the Museum's valuable collections of specimens and artifacts.

More than 60 volunteers have joined together to raise \$20 million in the 2002 Museum Expansion Campaign. These funds will allow us to add 26,500 square feet to our current 40,000 square feet so we can:

- Display our art collection in the 10,000 square foot *Rose Berry Art Gallery*
- Enlarge our collections space for the treasures we preserve and protect
- Expand our laboratory space and equip it with state-of-the-art technology to enhance our research capabilities
- Create a multipurpose classroom where schoolchildren and learners of all ages can explore the hands-on collections and participate in programs taught by volunteer docents
- Build a 150-seat auditorium which will allow us to present our programs in a comfortable and accessible environment
- Add a café and expand our Museum Store to better serve our visitors
- Connect, via the latest technology, with schools throughout Alaska and the world to expand our educational programs beyond the Museum's walls

A Few Compelling Reasons for State Support

- We've raised \$6.5 million already from private sources. We must have a show of state support to continue raising private and foundation funds.
- More than 60 volunteers from Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, and Seattle are committed to this project and are helping us raise funds.
- Senators Stevens and Murkowski, along with Congressman Young are honorary co-chairs for the campaign. Both senators are actively pursuing gifts and have been instrumental in getting private gifts from Boeing, Federal Express, and anonymous donors.
- Senator Stevens has announced publicly that he will find federal funding for the Museum. He is pursuing a \$5 million appropriation. He has told us that it is very important for him to be able to show his colleagues that the state of Alaska is also behind this project.
- The Puget Sound Committee is committed to raising \$5 million from corporations outside of Alaska. \$2 million has already been raised from out-of-state.
- We are asking the state to be a partner in protecting and promoting Alaska's heritage.
- Currently, only 5 percent of the Museum's collections are on public display. We have more than 3,000 wonderful works of contemporary and historical Alaskan art in our fine arts collection. Our current exhibition space can accommodate barely 100 of them.
- Over the past 5 ½ years, nearly 35,000 students have benefited from the Docent and Teacher led tours at the UA Museum.
- The UA Museum is the repository in Alaska for Native artifacts and paleontological specimens collected on state and federal lands. It is important and appropriate that the UA Museum receive assistance for housing our state's precious artifacts.
- The UA Museum does more than store and exhibit treasures. We are the only research museum in the state of Alaska, with collections in: archaeology, earth sciences, botany, ornithology, mammalogy, ethnology, and the marine sciences.
- The UA Museum holds over one million specimens and artifacts that represent millions of years of Alaska's natural and cultural history. These collections are like a library. Each specimen or artifact is a rare book that tells a story about disease, global climate change, the history of our Native people, historical use of our land. These "books" cannot be reprinted or replaced. They are one of a kind.

- Scientists analyze the collections we have in order to investigate questions of critical importance to the state. For example, our curators provide much information useful to the state's oil industry. Geological specimens from around the state offer insight into potential areas for oil exploration.
- We maintain collections from oil companies, federal and state surveys, and federal and state land managers that comprise a database that is actively used by oil company exploration consultants. Much of this information is not available from any other source.
- Biological surveys provide information on the species and numbers of plants and animals in potential areas for oil exploration. This is important because to know what impact exploration might have, you must first know what is there. We provide that information.
- Our Ethnology and Archeology departments provide information on native cultures in the region and provide a baseline for understanding past human use of the land. We tend to think of Alaska as untouched, unspoiled wilderness, but research proves that humans have used the land and altered the landscape for millennia.
- The UA Museum is actively involved in the training of graduate students who go on to become members of the oil industry research staff and members of permitting agencies within the state.
- Don Schell, Director of UAF's Institute of Marine Science, uses our bird collection to study the oceanic food chain. This study will affect the future of fisheries management in Alaska.
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel obtain birds and give them to the UA Museum to add to their collection. Using that collection, the ADF&G found a new sub-species of Spruce Grouse. This discovery affected game management policy in Alaska. There is a similar study going on now with Rock Ptarmigan which could have further implications on Alaskan game management.
- The National Park Service was doing a study about the diet of prehistoric Natives. Their own researchers brought 10 boxes of bones into the UA Museum, laid them out on tables and compared them with bones from our Mammalogy collection to determine what these ancient peoples ate.
- The UA Museum Mammalogy Department receives a grant of \$30,000 per year (for six years) from the Minerals Management Service to collect and provide information from which environmental impact statements are made. These environmental impact statements are the basis for the granting of offshore oil leases for oil development in Alaska.

Betsy A. James
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(907) 474-2002
betsy-james@iuno.com

Dear Legislators:

I have enclosed copies of two letters that I received today from Dr. Paul Reichardt and Director of Tanana Valley Campus, Ruth Lister. Both are responses to letters I wrote UAF administration asking them to retain my developmental mathematics professor Greg Owens. Please add this to the letter I have already sent you.

Sincerely,

Betsy A. James



Please distribute to members of the conference committee on the budget.

Tanana Valley Campus

College of Rural Alaska

510 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 (907) 474-7400 FAX 474-1164

April 27, 1998

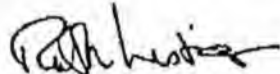
Betsy A. James
656 Fairbanks Street #A-3
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Dear Betsy

Thank you for your letter of April 19, 1998 signed by a number of students. It is encouraging to know that the instructors we hire for our programs are effective and it is very apparent that Greg Owens is well respected by his students.

I agree with you that excellent instructors should not be let go. However, although we recognize Greg Owens as an effective instructor, and would like to retain him, we are not able to hire him due to the funding situation.

Sincerely



Ruth Lister, Director

RL:met

Cc Ralph Gabrielli, Executive Dean, CRA

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics

27 April 1998

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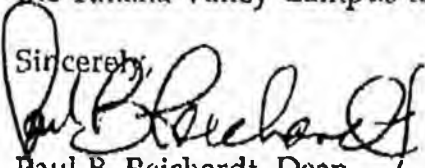
Dear Ms. James:

Thank you for your letter of April 19 in support of Greg Owens. I certainly share with you and the other students who signed the letter a high opinion of Greg and his work. I will continue to do what I can to help find funding for Greg to continue teaching for UAF, but I can't make any guarantees.

I hope that a brief explanation of Greg's employment situation at UAF will help you understand our dilemma. Until the 1997/98 academic year, Greg had been funded by a federal grant, one which we lost as the result of a renewal competition in 1996 or 1997. I discovered what had happened in mid-summer of 1997. Although the College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics (and the Department of Mathematical Sciences) had never been responsible for developmental math courses, I expressed my concern about the possibility that we would lose Greg. I felt strongly enough about the situation and was optimistic enough that somewhere within UAF we would find funding for him, that I authorized a CSEM contract for him for FY98, although I had no funds to cover the salary and benefits. Ultimately we did receive the necessary funds as a one-time addition to our budget. However, neither my efforts nor Greg's to find continuation funding have come to fruition. With the additional cuts to faculty as a result of this year's Retirement Incentive Program, we have had to rather dramatically reduce the number of sections of Math to be offered next year. We simply cannot afford to now add sections of Developmental Math, for which we have had no traditional responsibility. Thus, I have not been willing to again "take a chance" on funding for Greg; it would be fiscally irresponsible for me to do so. We do have a need for part-time instructors for 100-level Math courses next year, and Greg knows we would be delighted if he would apply.

I will continue to search for funding for Greg, and I will ask the Director of the Tanana Valley Campus to do likewise. UAF needs him.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Reichardt, Dean
College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics

cc: R. Lister

JUDY WARWICK
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Fairbanks, AK 99809
474-9148

Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee;

The University of Alaska has served most Alaskans in one way or another beyond it's primary function of providing further education through degree programs or individual classes to improve knowledge and skills. The University has offered us world renowned research which brings talent and revenue to our state, it provides recreational and artistic opportunities, resources for businesses, but perhaps the most endearing is the sense of pride it has generated through several decades for Alaskans.

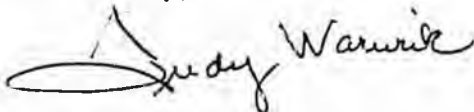
Alaska, more than any of the lower 48 states, should have a university system of excellence. We have revenues from oil exploration and production, we have the barrier of distance our population must travel to attend other universities. We have a young population which relies on us to provide them with the basis for competing on a global basis and we have vast distances between communities and unique requirements to meet the needs of our culturally diverse population.

Several years ago our University could claim excellence, however, as the years pass our University is becoming a sad icon of years gone by. We must stem the tide of the destruction of this valuable resource.

We must start reinvesting into our University, perhaps our greatest resource for present and future generations.

I acknowledge the charge before you is not an easy one. I respectfully request you support our University by fully funding it in the amount of \$3.6 million.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Warwick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Judy Warwick

Testimony Transcript for the Senate Finance Committee Public Hearing, April 23, 1998

I am representing the University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni of which 65% live and work in Alaska. The Alumni are committed to their alma mater and are very concerned about the future of their University.

The present budget proposal of flat funding or 0% growth proposed by the House and the Senate cap proposal of a \$1 million reduction will result in the continued decline in the quality of higher education in the only university system in Alaska.

The alumni feel the Regents budget request of \$171 million will provide the funds necessary to repair the damage caused by a decade of flat funding which actually due to inflation resulted in a 33% decrease in real dollars. Today it is obvious that the Regents budget is not attainable but it will be disastrous to the State if funding for the university is reduced.

Today, top administrators, quality faculty and the best and the brightest students are leaving the university. This is effecting the University of Alaska in many ways from lower applications to increased class size.

The Alumni are keenly aware that past management and fiscal practices were lacking at times. They are working closely with the administration and the Board of Regents to improve university management, and identify cost savings. Some of these changes have already been effected with positive result. However many of these changes will not show results overnight and the cost of education continues to rise. Our concern is a budget with zero growth will further the decline even with improved managerial practices because it takes time.

The immediate impact of this budget proposal will cause serious consequences for the university, Over the past years of flat funding the university has absorbed the declining revenues in areas other than student instruction and academic programs. This year will be different, the limit has been reached and academic programs will now begin to suffer.

At best with this budget proposal less than half of the 24 faculty positions open due to this years Retirement Incentive Program will be filled. The impact will be increased class size, decreased course availability, potential for school accreditation loss, and reduced enrollment and program elimination.

As many as seven degree producing programs are in jeopardy of being eliminated. There will be an increase in adjunct or partime faculty, which will affect the availability of faculty to students for out of class instruction and counsel. The library will be less able to update, replenish books and provide current research materials to the students and the community.

Technology and scientific equipment upgrade will decrease impacting on the quality of instruction that is preparing our students to be successful in a technological world. Research funding will be effected by less research dollars from the university system but more importantly the potential for a decrease in federal and international research funding is becoming apparent as grant providing agencies become concerned about the quality and future of the university where they are investing.

It is time now to look to the future. What is the State of Alaska's vision for the availability of higher education for Alaskans? If we continue on the road of flat funding as we have for the past decade the University of Alaska will cease to exist as a center of higher learning. Our university students will leave Alaska for the education they desire and deserve and the state will suffer the loss of these future members of the work force, as most do not and will not return to live and work in Alaska. The university is an economic engine for Alaska, it must be provided the fuel to continue providing quality education and to guarantee the future of Alaska.

The Alumni are discussing alternative funding possibilities to stop this never-ending story of decreasing university funding each year. We have identified a number of ways for Alaska to help pay for the university and other programs and are willing to work with the Legislature in developing some of these alternatives. They include, using some of the Earnings Reserve Account, after PFDs and inflation proofing, capping the PFD, Land endowments, and even sales and wage taxes. It is time for Alaska to look to the future and start participating in supporting the university and other services funding.

The Alumni of the University of Alaska ask that you look to the future, keep the importance of a strong University system in mind and allocate the funds necessary for the university to prepare Alaskans to lead Alaska into the next century.



John C. "Jake" Poole

Executive Director

University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni Association



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COMMITTEE ON BUDGET DATED 4/28/98

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*See attached 4 pages
re: University's needs*

SIGNED *Helen L. Anderson*
TESTIFIER

Formerly Head of University of Alaska & Alameda of The University
REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

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News-Miner, Monday, April 13, 1998

Iceberg ahead for UA

By TERENCE COLE

These days the University of Alaska reminds me a little of my first car, a '65 Falcon that I bought from my brother for \$400. Every time I slammed the front door the window fell down, or some other piece of the car ended up on the driveway. Now at UAF, essential pieces of the university are just falling away, and unless the Legislature provides adequate funding, the people of Alaska are going to be left with a stripped-down shell of a school, missing the parts that make it

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run.

In the last several months the University of Alaska has lost a whole tier of top level administrators and experienced faculty, many of whom are highly gifted and capable public servants. They have left or are getting ready to leave because they know the truth about what the future holds if the legislature refuses to approve the regents' responsible budget request: without a sustainable level of support, the University of Alaska is facing a disaster of Titanic proportions.

In this case the captain of the ship is the Legislature, steaming full speed ahead, intent on only one goal, cutting the budget, not heeding the warnings of regents, business leaders, students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, or concerned citizens, who are all locked below decks. A single-minded goal of cutting the budget in the short run, with no concern for the future, with no realization that a short-cut now may prove far more costly in the long run, does not show leadership, or vision, or make economic sense. Recklessly sinking your own ship is the height of fiscal irresponsibility and negligence.

How is it sound, conservative fiscal stewardship to destroy the university's academic infrastructure? We are not talking about the elimination of foolish frills, but core disciplines. At UAF we appear to have lost the geography department and the philosophy department. How can we even call ourselves a university if we eliminate the disciplines that focus on the world as it is and the world of ideas?

Due to cuts the accreditation of the music department is threatened, and actually every department from accounting to zoology faces the longer term prospect of elimination, because if the faculty leave, they are simply not being replaced.

Conceivably in a short time we could end up with a shriveled university offering little beyond what a student can get at Lathrop or West Valley High School. Students are not going to want to come and good faculty are not going to want to stay at a third-rate school.

Before it gets to the point of no return, this downward death spiral can be stopped and turned around. Despite everything, the University of Alaska has a bright future. It offers many opportunities not found at any other state university, and students here can still receive an excellent education at a moderate price. I received a fine education at UAF, as did my brothers and sisters, and I hope my children will be able to come here with pride.

In its 80-year history UA has faced many daunting challenges. Nevertheless the institution has always gone on to survive and prosper. It can do so again. The University of Alaska can survive this crisis if the Legislature heeds the call of common sense and adopts a sustainable budget for higher education in Alaska. The iceberg may be dead ahead, but we still have time to stop the ship.

Terence Cole is a lifetime member of the UAF Alumni Association and chairman of the UAF history department.

Sinking ship

April 1, 1998

To the editor:

I finally saw Titanic and couldn't help thinking of UAF. Those musicians! Keeping an illusion of normality while the ship sank. Have you seen UAF's latest TV ads? Top education, great programs, 75 degrees. This after the Chancellor assured us that programs would be cut right and left ... Just keep fiddling as if nothing were amiss!

The Titanic's captain, between luxurious meals, ordered the engines revved up to please the company chairman's need for publicity. UAF captains, instead, try to please the state legislature, and the orders coming down from their carpeted halls are different: take out the propellers, furnaces, all that makes a ship seaworthy, and keep sailing! And, of course, our captains will be jumping ship before it sinks.

But the class distinctions are sure similar. Courses at UAF will be taught increasingly by part-timers, who have no benefits or job security whatsoever—they haven't even had a pay increase since 1982!

I wonder how many legislators and university administrators would not have given themselves a pay raise in 16 years. And the university fought faculty unionization tooth and nail: sorry 3rd class passengers; you don't deserve decent conditions, so stay behind these gates, and when the ship sinks...

The funny thing is that while the Titanic sank on open sea, the university is going down inside a harbor—in a state with over \$23 billion in its Permanent Fund coffers.

Oh! So sorry! The money is earmarked so each Alaskan can vacation in Hawaii every year. A pretty embarrassing excuse when the harbor owners will be asked why they allowed higher education to go under.

If the university captains had their priorities straight, they wouldn't play axe-wielding accountants. They would establish what it takes to provide a good education and price it appropriately. If the harbor owners deny funding, try shutting the university for a while. Give them a taste of the publicity they'll get as negligent state administrators.

I bet they'll let the ship dock for major repairs. But keep the present courses, and those TV ads will be the university's funeral music.

Sincerely,
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April 28, 1998

Senator Bert Sharp
Senator Drue Pearce
Senate Finance Committee
Interior Delegation

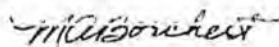
Please support the UA Museum capital funding request in the amount of \$500,000. Museum staff and volunteers have already raised a good portion of the needed \$20 million to expand the existing museum. New space is needed to display the extensive art collection, new storage space is needed for art and scientific collections, a classroom and auditorium will be built, and a café and additional Museum Store space will help in raising a larger percentage of operating costs on site.

I hope you will consider this \$500,000 for the UA Museum to be a top priority in your capital budget planning process. The UA Museum is one of the best tourist attractions in the state, and it is an internationally known research facility which is used and consulted for an ever-increasing number of scientific and cultural research problems in northern latitudes.

Museums are a popular way for everyone to learn about the world around us. It is important for the general public to have access to the information available about Alaska, its people and their cultures, its natural resources, and its history. Museums translate what may often be complicated and difficult concepts into information which is visually attractive and therefore easy to understand. We hope you will support this request for funding the additional space needed at the UA Museum.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Borchert

UA funding future looks dim in Juneau

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Panels' budget targets 'devastating news,' regent says

By JEFF RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

After months of lobbying for increased state funding to higher education, the University of Alaska may actually find itself the subject of cuts.

In budget targets released Wednesday by legislative finance committees, the state House proposes flat funding for the university while the state Senate proposes a \$1 million cut.

Either of those funding levels would be a huge blow to the university, said Mike Kelly, president of the board of regents.

Regents asked the Legislature for a \$7 million increase, which Kelly said would fund the university at the minimum acceptable level. He said even the governor's proposed budget, which calls for a \$3.6 million increase, is insuffi-

cient.

"It's devastating news," Kelly said of the funding outlook. "This is an absolute red flag and three alarm situation."

Without increased funding, Kelly said the university will either have to eliminate rural campuses or continue a "tremendous cannibalization" of the system.

Some areas have already been considered for cuts. In a March 13 memo to University of Alaska Fairbanks employees, Chancellor Joan Wadlow announced that only 10 of 63 retiring faculty members would be replaced next year as part of a cost-cutting measure. With any cut in funding, she said none of the positions would be filled.

UAF has not determined where it might absorb any cuts.

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said Vice Chancellor of University Relations Karen Cedzo. But she said the school is not in a position to make any reductions without suffering.

"I think that's been the overriding goal, to not eliminate programs," she said. "That's why this is such a critical time."

Kelly said he still has some hope that the Legislature will increase university funding before the final budget is approved. "I'm very concerned, but I hold out hope that something will happen."

With increased state funding unlikely for UAF, students may be asked to contribute to four understaffed programs themselves.

The UAF student senate will vote on a series of referenda

Sunday that would ask students to consider paying \$12.50 a semester to help the philosophy, geography, justice and music departments. The four departments, which all shrank when retiring faculty were not replaced, would be subsidized by the new fees.

Steve Nuss, president of the student union, vetoed the referenda when they were approved last Sunday. The measures, which were developed by student leaders, will come back for reconsideration this weekend.

Nuss said paying for struggling programs with student fees would set a bad precedent. "I think this kind of thing should come from the general fund, not the students," he said.

Fund raiders

April 1, 1989

To the editor:

Fred Pratt has revealed some shocking information in his article on March 28 titled, "Fund's reserve protects dividends ... it's not just extra money," that came out in the Fairbanks News-Miner. His article correctly explained that the Permanent Funds' "earnings reserve" was set up for the purpose of maintaining the dividend payments should the stock market decline.

He went on to say that there were unscrupulous state agencies and special interest groups who are wanting to get their hands on the permanent fund earnings. It would be very helpful if the News-Miner or Mr. Pratt would investigate all those entities and provide us with a comprehensive list of those who want to raid the earnings.

This information would benefit all of us who are concerned about legislators and state agencies who are wanting to reduce our dividend checks so they can fund their pet projects.

Help me to vote correctly when the raiders come up for re-election.

Sincerely,
Rita Leake
Fairbanks

*Would be best to cap all
dividend checks at \$15000.
and use balance to fund
University of Alaska - higher
education benefit not just
people, but the whole state*

*H. Anderson
Fairbanks*

Speakers blame Legislature for hurting university



Alisa Mathews/Alaska Mirror

CONCERNED—James Torsen, 20, right, an undergraduate at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, sits in Constitution Park with several hundred protesters rallying for the preservation of the university and its programs. From left, undergraduates Justin Zimmerman, 19; Nicholas Paiseo, 19; Brandee Nicholson, 19; and William Meilman, 20, all expressed frustration for the lack of financial support the university is receiving.

BY JEFF RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Like an old-fashioned melodrama, hundreds of University of Alaska Fairbanks students booed the state Legislature and cheered UAF boosters Wednesday during a rally in support of increased funding for higher education.

Holding signs with slogans like "Abandon all hope ye who enroll here" and "UAF is doomed," a stream of speakers lashed out at a Legislature they believe is strangling the university system with inadequate funding.

Many of the comments had the same theme, urging angry students to remove politicians who do not support higher education.

"I think we want to send a clear message that we're a sleeping giant up here," said Shawn Casey, a member of the student senate who helped organize the event. "If they're going to threaten my education, I'm going to threaten their jobs."

The crowd even joined the local college band Mr. McFeely in a sing-along of the "UAF theme song," which includes the verse "The school's being destroyed, we'll be unemployed, hooray for UAF."

Amid the gloomy message, speakers said the Legislature still has time to reverse the decline of the university system.

The board of regents has asked for \$171 million next year, a \$7 million increase. The crowd was told to send a clear message to politicians to approve the added funding.

"We need to vote intelligently so the people we have in office care about the future of this state," said Thom McLenn, a UAF student. "They need to have the foresight and maturity to look ahead more than just a few months."

Marie Scholle, a UAF employee and chairwoman of the alumni association, said Alaska has more than enough money to fund an in-

We need some 2020 vision

Lawmakers must look beyond today's polls

The annual pilgrimage to Juneau by the local Chamber of Commerce representatives and the Board of Directors of the University of Alaska Foundation was a listening and learning experience. There were visits to all or almost all of the 60 legislative offices of elected representatives to the House or Senate, breakfast, lunch and dinner sessions and a meeting with the governor and some of his staff.

The discussions were open, informative, frank, without rancor, no complaining or fault-finding—only a joint search for a better way.

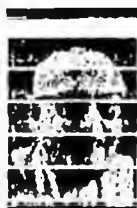
Primary concerns of the lawmaker appeared to be focused upon the immediate and short-term, the frustrations and irritations of now. The groping and coping often centered upon the most current opinion poll.

In a lively breakfast session with the Interior delegation, a dedicated, solid, sincere, hard-working group of men and women familiar with the political ropes and forces in place, the comment was made, "Why not look beyond 1998 to the year 2020?"

By then our children and grandchildren now in pre-school and primary grades will be young adults—needing job opportunities, self-fulfilling outlets and a satisfying lifestyle.

Will there be an Alaska to hold them here? What will it be like? What do we do now to make conditions better for people generally than they are today? How do we best use what we have, especially the talent, intelligence and spirit of residents, to build that more attractive, more abundant tomorrow...not elsewhere but right here?

For the moment let's forget 1998; that's on its way past, almost gone. Better to look beyond our feet to the 2020 horizon. We can make the good things happen



William R. Wood

that will stem the outflow of our brightest and best.

But just where among our elected representatives is the vision? Where is the leadership? Where is the thinking of the people beyond "preserve the permanent fund. I like that individual dividend getting bigger and bigger every year." Think and think again. Is a handout, however helpful, even essential in some cases, ever a solution in itself?

Billions and billions secure or at risk in the Alaska Permanent Fund cannot offset intellectual nourishment of our youth. Thousands and thousands of dollars in our annual dividend check does not hold youth in the home state nor build an economic, a social and a cultural milieu that encourages pride, confidence and fulfillment in being Alaskan.

Apparently some dislike our own democratic form of governance at any level, hate taxes and still remain eager to accept from that government and ask for more and more to be paid by someone else. Why? Somehow this appears to lower self-esteem, to border on the irrational and self-defeating.

For a change, think 2020. Lessen dependence upon this morning's opinion poll. It does matter if one gets elected or re-elected for a cluster of opinions not in the best long-term interest of the voters. Lawmakers have tough distinctions to make between just being responsive and being responsible. The assignment of the elected is the latter.

See how the political popularity of the opinion poll, enhanced by myopic enthusiasm of the media and entertainment worlds, as a basis for decision-making and advocacy, as a short-

cut to political power status, appears inadequate in an information age. It tends to avoid the longer process that requires "reasoning together," an in-depth examination in context of all pertinent facts available, a "peering into the future," a weighing of odds and probably outcomes. The political poll, nonetheless, is today's Bible of choice.

Yet a particular poll can be distorted and manipulated by almost any clever wordsmith. Do questions raised in a typical opinion poll really reflect a respondent's full understanding of an issue in its complex context?

Seldom. Rather a typical response is apt to be an off-the-cuff expression of one's feeling toward a "stand-alone" matter.

In a democratic order, the people select their representatives to gather all pertinent information on any matter of widespread concern, to define the concern clearly, to discuss the options in depth, to use common sense and sound reasoning to reach policy level conclusions well-calculated to be fair and in the long-term best interest of the many—not the few.

In practice, subsequent analysis and interpretation of decisions made may provide a bit of flexibility to cover the out-of-the-ordinary and unpredictable.

One recalls an old saying from prairie farm-boy days, "Son, you can't just pool ignorance and come up with wisdom."

Think 2020. Reason together. Build for tomorrow.

William R. Wood is a retired president of the University of Alaska now volunteering as executive director of Fairbank Fairbanks.

Balancing the books

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS article on the front page the other day said that this will be the first year that investment earnings from the state's savings accounts will exceed the combined total of oil taxes and royalties.

For the past couple of years investment earnings have already been greater than oil taxes alone.

Royalties are the funds generated by the sale of what is typically the one-eighth share of oil that Alaska owns from fields developed on state land, as opposed to taxes levied on production of the seven-eighths of the oil owned by the oil companies.

For this fiscal year, investment earnings are expected to make up 42 percent of total state income, while oil taxes and royalties will constitute 25 percent. Revenue Commissioner Wilson Condon announced.

Most of the investment earnings are produced by the Alaska Permanent Fund, which is "practically off limits to politicians," in the words of the Associated Press reporter.

That's a political judgment, not one based on state law. Most of the earnings are available for appropriation by the Legislature at any time.

These distinctions are important in the debate in Alaska today about what the state can afford and the political portrayal of the status of state finances.

A recent questionnaire mailed by Sen. Mike Miller and Rep. Gene Therriault repeats the assertion that lawmakers want to "close the fiscal gap that exists between our annual income and our expenses."

The questionnaire from Miller and Therriault refers to a "projected deficit" of \$600 million in the next fiscal year.

Any analysis of state money matters would reveal that there is no "projected deficit" in state finances.

Calling the current surplus in state finances a "deficit" will not turn it into one any more so that calling a square a circle will change the rules of geometry.

With cash flowing for a new Anchorage prison and an expansion of the Anchorage airport, she questioned why the university has had its funding frozen for a decade.

"We are the richest state in the nation, yet we rank 50th out of 50 states in terms of (paying) for higher education," she said. "Why is that?"

The current funding level of about \$104 million is about the same as it was in 1987. While the funding has remained stable, student tuition and fees have increased 60 percent to try to make up for inflation.

Walter Bonesch, a retired philosophy professor, termed the effect a "Chinese torture exercise of death by a thousand cuts."

The UAF philosophy and geography departments, which have the only such degree programs in the state, will be down to one faculty member next year because of reduced funding. Bonesch warned that many other programs are rapidly shrinking; only about 15 percent of 63 retiring faculty members will be replaced next year.

He said legislators and managers are starting to view the university system as a "factory model" instead of an institution of learning and should not expect it to be a money-making venture.

Tom Moyer, an aide to Gov. Tony Knowles, told the crowd the governor agrees that the university is struggling and will approve any cuts. He did not specifically say how Knowles plans to help the university, which left some students shouting "What's the governor going to do?" as Moyer walked off the podium.

Sen. Bert Sharp, R-Fairbanks, and Rep. Gene Therriault, R-North Pole, who co-chair their respective finance committees, were not available to comment on the Legislature's funding approach for the university.

State lawmakers will likely hear more from frustrated students. Similar rallies are being planned for the Anchorage and Juneau campuses next week.

Speak up

July 6, 1987

To the editor:

I arrived back in town after a six months' leave to find big changes going on at the U. Under the Retirement Incentive Program, over 80 employees are gone, many of them senior faculty who are not being replaced. For example, two of the three philosophy professors on campus have retired and apparently the major in that area is being scrapped.

On top of this, I read that President Komisar plans to eliminate the local chancellor's office and run the Fairbanks campus out of his statewide administration. I worry that this may mean that UAF will be run by an administrative assistant with little clout, while Anchorage and Juneau retain their independent chancellors and administrations.

Of equal concern is the proposed shift of some key academic areas to the Anchorage campus. If this goes through, students coming out of local high schools may no longer have the option of taking a business or a liberal arts degree in Fairbanks where only math, science and engineering are to be stressed. Those interested in the arts and humanities, in education or health science would have to go elsewhere—to Anchorage or out of state.

This shift of programs could have an impact on the community as well. If, as now seems possible, the Music Department goes the way of Philosophy, Fairbanks could lose its symphony orchestra and Summer Fine Arts Camp, both of which receive major support from the local music faculty. Visiting writers, artists and musicians brought by the university contribute a lot to Fairbanks and these programs are also threatened by the proposed changes.

Under serious financial pressure, the administration has to respond to the Legislature's mandate for cuts. Still, the people of Fairbanks should have some say in this. Shipping key programs to Anchorage will inevitably change the nature of UAF, making it more like a technical college and less a well-rounded university. If such changes are not to your liking, I hope you'll speak up now.

Sincerely,
John Morgan
Professor of English, UAF

Use fund earnings for Alaska

Permanent Fund spins off extra \$948 million

With primary and general elections this year, leadership to solve Alaska problems is a campaign issue.

Alaska has an enviable position with assets any state or nation only dreams about. The 600,000 Alaskans have more than \$26 billion in cash in various accounts and more than 104 million acres in state-owned land and little or no state debt. That is \$43,833 and 173 acres of land for every man, woman and child in state. Plus Alaskans pay no state income tax. Instead the state pays each Alaska resident man, woman and child \$1,900 a year from the earnings of the \$23 billion Permanent Fund.

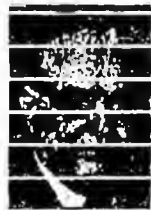
But living is hard in some places. Roads, harbors and airports need repair. Schools classrooms are in short supply or deteriorating. Rural residents and their schools still use honeybuckets, and pay a high cost for energy. Urban residents have traffic problems on roads and in harbors and a shortage of both classrooms and jail cells.

Considering problems and the assets available to solve them, all that is needed is leadership.

Legislators tried to address part of the problem. An interim committee came up with a plan to reduce deferred maintenance of public facilities. The committee suggested using a portion of the \$3.3 billion Constitutional Budget Reserve to set up a special bond redemption fund. Earnings from investing that fund would retire \$1.1 billion in revenue bonds issued for the purpose of eliminating deferred maintenance over six to 10 years.

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Then the price of oil dropped. That means that \$600-\$650 million will be required from the budget reserve fund to help pay state operating expenses for the next fiscal year. That is after the Legislature cuts the operating budget by another \$50 million this year.

That lower price for state oil means the budget reserve may be needed in the next few years just to fund operating expenses. However, oil is no longer the biggest revenue source for the state.

Considering its historic price fluctuations, that's good news. Oil provides about \$1.6 billion a year while the \$23 billion Permanent Fund earns \$2.1 billion and will rise as more oil revenue is added annually.

Some of us remember the argument for creating the Permanent Fund: To have money available to run the state when oil production dropped. The Permanent Fund principal is protected constitutionally and by a dividend program which distributes one-half of the annual earnings, on a five-year average, in dividends. Another portion goes into the principal for inflation-proofing the fund.

The balance of the earnings are there for the Legislature to do with as it sees fit. In the past, the surplus earnings have gone into the fund principal. This year the surplus earnings (after dividends and inflation-proofing) are \$948 million. There are bills in the Legislature to move that to the principal and to continue to

ignore the deteriorating condition of state facilities.

There is talk of issuing general obligation bonds to pay for deferred maintenance. With more than \$900 million in Permanent Fund earnings, after paying dividends and inflation-proofing, why add general obligation bond repayment to the general fund budget, a further drain on the budget reserve, when a special revenue-producing fund could pay for the maintenance and other capital improvements without increasing taxes or reducing dividends?

The University of Alaska Board of Regents recently passed a resolution urging use of the \$948 million in surplus Permanent Fund earnings for the deferred maintenance for all state facilities.

The university accounts for only \$160 million of the \$1-billion-plus deferred maintenance problem.

Those regents urging passage of the resolution believe that it is appropriate for the university to provide state leadership in solving state problems, at least when no one else appears to be providing the leadership.

Regents asked leaders of student, alumni, staff and faculty organizations at the February regents' meeting if they would support the regents on such a resolution. All answered yes. All of those people, 30,000 students, 7,000 UA employees and untold alumni, are constituents of the lawmakers and the governor. Maybe, the regents thought, they could start a landslide for responsibly solving Alaska's problems. We'll see. We haven't heard much from the university community at this writing. But the Legislature has two months to go.

Low Williams is a retired Ketchikan newspaper publisher who serves on the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

News-Minar, Thursday, April 9, 1998

Arctic research focus is vulnerable

By GEORGE NEWTON

Universities are creators of new knowledge. Economic and social progress in a region or a state is fundamentally dependent on the vitality of its institutions of higher learning.

It is not by happenstance that classic industrial growth has been experienced along Route 128 near Roston and the Silicon Valley south of San Francisco. Clearly both of those healthy

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areas were initially stimulated and are now sustained by their close proximity to active research-oriented activities. It is research that provides basic understanding, an element essential for success in our efforts to accomplish things we as a nation see as important.

Such a concept is equally valid for the arctic and the state of Alaska. Such important topics as the sustainable development of natural resources, the effects of global climate change, the transport of environmental contaminants into and within the state, sustainable fisheries and many more are important for the improvement of the health, well-being and progress of all the state's residents. Without the necessary fundamental research, our ability to deal with these important issues will be severely hampered.

In the past several years, changes have been occurring in the "state" of the University of Alaska—principally at Fairbanks. These changes have not been positive. Moreover, they have been brought into clear focus this spring by three events: the resignation of the president of the university; the departure of the UAF provost; and yet another round of proposed severe budget cuts.

Morale at the university is low and faculty members have expressed concern about the future of the university. Some researchers have decided to retire. Others have moved on to other positions outside the state. The impression emerging nationally is of a university in decline.

The U.S. Arctic Research Commission has the responsibility to encourage cooperation between federal agencies and the state in research matters. The commission also collaborates with the 12 federal agencies that make up the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee to construct and revise the National Arctic Research Plan. Without a strong and enthusiastic research presence at the University of Alaska, the efforts of the federal agencies will lack an essential point of focus for their research efforts.

The University of Alaska is essentially our country's only arctic university. De facto, it should be THE center of excellence for arctic research. Without this stable and important base of expertise and experience in the northern regions, the new understanding that flows from it and the students trained to understand it, our efforts to continue and expand research will be substantially more difficult. Worse yet, Alaskans will find that the intellectual resources necessary to deal with the special problems they face will be seriously diminished. The commission encourages the citizens of the state of Alaska to give their full support to their university and to demand no less from their state.

Renewed and enduring support of the university is the best investment that the state can make in its future, both in the near and far term.

George B. Newton of Round Hill, Va., is chairman of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission. He began his career as a Navy officer on nuclear submarines, eventually directing research under arctic ice and elsewhere. After retiring in 1981, he worked in private consulting on arctic research projects. President George Bush appointed him to the commission in 1992, and President Bill Clinton reappointed him as chairman in 1995.

Future of UAF

April 6, 1998

To the editor:

It was with continued dismay that I read that there are to be more budget cuts for UAF. Perhaps there is mismanagement of funds for the university but can we afford to sit back complaining while "our" university falls into further ruin? We dare not underestimate the importance of our college students to the future of state. If they cannot receive an education here they will look for other states that care enough about education to make that a high priority when state funding is considered.

We also must not fool ourselves into believing that these motivated young people will return to our state and community to "help us out of our problems." It's easier to save something that hasn't shut down completely than to try to resurrect that which has been declared dead. We need to start working together to find a solution to guarantee that future young people will have a local university to attend.
Joyce Hilyard
Fairbanks

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is in horrible shape. Its buildings are falling apart and only one in six retiring professors is being replaced. The Legislature's response is to cut the University of Alaska budget and talk about putting this year's \$900 million earnings reserve into the Permanent Fund.

There is a difference between fiscal restraint and fiscal responsibility. I oppose any more state budget cuts solely for the sake of meeting a preset goal, while we ignore the fact that the Permanent Fund is now one of our biggest money earners. I don't believe it's time to dip into the Permanent Fund, but it is time to start using some of its earnings. If not that, then we should institute a state sales or income tax.

Eric Troyer
Fairbanks

University funding cuts beyond what is prudent

Over the past decade there has been an annual decrease in State funding for the operation of Alaska's only university system.

This has occurred due largely to State Legislature decisions, which have dramatically impacted on a constitutionally mandated system and a prime investment tool for the future success of the state. In terms of real dollars, the university's general fund budget has declined 36 percent over the past 10 years.

State spending on the University's operating budget has fallen \$6 million during the past four fiscal years from \$175 million in fiscal year '94 to \$166 million in fiscal '98.

These reductions have resulted in the State of Alaska having the dubious honor of being ranked 50th out of 50 states in state funding for institutions of higher education. Also, Alaska is one of only two states in the country that actually decreased funding to higher education over the past two years.

According to a recent public opinion poll conducted by the McDowell Group on higher education priorities and needs of Alaska Households provided some interesting findings.

Ninety-five percent of Alaskans questioned believe the University is important, 88 percent of the Alumni are satisfied with the quality of the education programs and 66 percent of those polled want to see an increase in the funding of their university.

Additionally a significant number of the state's registered voters have some contact with the university either as students, alumni, parents, employees or vendors who rely on the univer-

Guest opinion

sity's business for their livelihood.

These figures show Alaskans strongly support the University of Alaska; any further reduction or zero change to the University budget will be contrary to what the Alaskan public wants and will have a detrimental impact on the lives of thousands of Alaskans.

At the same time the University budget has decreased by over one third in terms of real dollars, there has been a 12 percent increase in students. In order to try to meet the needs of this increased student population while working with reduced dollars, a number of unpopular but necessary actions have been taken.

Tuition has doubled, the numbers of classes have been reduced, the replacement of faculty has been limited and student services have been reduced. All of these factors have been detrimental to the quality of the education the students are receiving.

Alaskans know that the state needs to be fiscally prudent, but jeopardizing the university and the future of the state is not prudent. Education is an important and hot item in politics today. The emphasis on K-12 schools and providing the best for students is commendable. But what does it say to a high school student who visits a University of Alaska campus and finds the computers are older and slower than those in their high school classes?

We need to look at the whole educational picture and guarantee that all levels of education are properly funded to meet the

needs of all our students. All Alaskans deserve the opportunity for a strong college education, in Alaska, that will prepare them for the future and provide them with jobs at home instead of outside the state. The Alumni of the University of Alaska Fairbanks are dedicated to their alma mater and are working closely with the board of regents and the university administration to identify new ways to reduce costs and streamline the operation of the campuses.

The Alumni are also participating in the search for a new university president and are committed to selecting a strong leader who can lead the university into the next century. The University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni recently approved and sent to the Legislature a resolution urging the Legislature to support full funding of the university. The alumni are working closely with the university to improve their visibility and reputation with the public and the legislature because they believe in their alma mater and want to see it continue to be a strong and effective center of higher learning. There are over 16,000 UAF Alumni with more than 11,000 of them living and working in every legislative district in Alaska. Eighty-two percent of these Alaskans have stated they have or will encourage their children to attend the University of Alaska. These are significant statistics and demonstrate that a strong university is important to Alaskans, provides Alaskans with the skills necessary to be successful in Alaska and further proves that the university is an investment in the future of Alaska.

John C. "Jack" Poole is executive director of the UAF Alumni Association.

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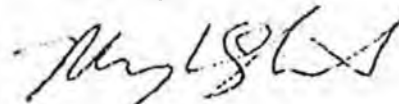
Dear Legislators:

I am a student of the University of Alaska, Northwest Campus based in Nome is the campus I attend. I write this letter to ask for your support of the University budget. As you know, we have been dealing with budget cuts (especially in terms of real dollars) for some time now. At this point, the only action the university can take to spend less is to cut classes.

As a student, this is very discouraging (and even scary.) To keep our students in the state, we must have the classes available to finish our degrees in a reasonable amount of time. This will be done when you support the budget the university proposes.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I know you are all very busy this time of the year. Your support means very much to me, so again, thanks.

Sincerely,



Mary L. Stasenko

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To: Legislative Information Office

RE: University of Alaska Funding

The funding for the university simply cannot remain level or decrease. If we, as State of Alaska's citizens, will have to face the fact that the services the university provides to us will have to decrease or be eliminated altogether. Some of those services (not inclusive), that may or not be obvious, that will have to be curtailed are:

- 1) Reporting of information including annual reports that legislators, the governor, and state agencies receive and refer to.
- 2) Assistance on the phone and in small, often free, classes, seminars, and presentations. This assistance ranges from the Cooperative Extension's safe food programs to the Geophysical Institute's scientific education programs.
- 3) Assistance to students and prospective students will be more difficult to obtain because there will be less people answering requests in writing, on the phone, and in person. The public will have to wait much longer to obtain the assistance they need.
- 4) Internet access and assistance with any problems on the web, assistance with network computers, and assistance solving problems related to the statewide university computer system will be slower, less responsive, and perhaps non-existent in some cases.

The budget cutting must stop or the university as we are accustomed to it will not exist any longer. The University of Alaska is one of the most important resources we have.

PLEASE STOP DESTROYING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA!

Jacqueline Scholle
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

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325 UA BUDGET
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The students of Kenai Peninsula College need and request your support for full funding of the University Budget.

We are currently operating on a bare bones budget. There is nothing more to be cut without drastically affecting students Education.

Signed:

Joyce E Cox

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April 21, 1998

To whom it may concern:

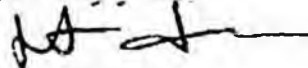
Enclosed is copy of a "Petition in Support of Chukchi Campus," addressed to the governor, members of the Alaska House of Representatives, the Alaska State Senate, the University of Alaska Board of Regents, UA President Jerome Komisar, UAF Chancellor Joan Wadlow, Executive Dean Ralph Gabrielli of UAF's College of Rural Alaska, and Lynn Johnson, director of Chukchi Campus in Kotzebue.

The hundreds of local signatures in this petition, we believe, signifies the high regard that the people of the NANA region in Northwest Alaska hold for the local branch campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Hundreds of local students have taken advantage of Chukchi's course and program offerings over the years, subsequently finding success in their personal and working lives. Chukchi graduates are working throughout this region and around Alaska. Over the years, the local community has come out in strong support of Chukchi. This petition drive is merely the latest example. Gutting higher education in this region is not wise and costs the state more in the long run.

Despite Chukchi's strong local support, however, the campus has not fared well in recent years, suffering severe cuts in gross disproportion to other subdivisions of the university system. For example, just since 1994, Chukchi has lost nearly half of its operating budget and may lose a total of 56 percent of its budget if local cuts stand this year. We believe this is both unfair and unnecessary. On behalf of the Chukchi Community Council and the people of Northwest Alaska, I urge you to support Chukchi's vital mission in this region with adequate funding.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Pete Schaeffer
Chukchi Community Council

Enclosures

Distributed by Sen. Adams

PETITION IN SUPPORT OF CHUKCHI CAMPUS

To:

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Board of Regents, University of Alaska
Jerome Komisar, President, University of Alaska
Joan Wadlow, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
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Lynn Johnson, Director, Chukchi Campus, Kotzebue

STATEMENT:

Postsecondary education is both vital and essential for a healthy, productive, economically sound society in every region of Alaska. Over the past 10 years, Chukchi Campus, a Kotzebue branch of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, has endured massive budget cuts in much greater disproportion to the rest of the statewide university system's subdivisions. Further reduction of Chukchi's already modest budget, or elimination entirely of local access to postsecondary education in the NANA region, threatens the economic and personal welfare of every resident.

Chukchi's educational services supply residents with continuing education and training opportunities so they can participate fully in the economic and social development of Alaska. A local, adequate, professional, university-level instructional presence must continue in this region, supported adequately by clerical and administrative staff and a well-operated physical plant, if Alaskans believe that every resident, regardless of location, deserves the opportunity to become a viable contributor to our economy and the general welfare through the benefits of postsecondary education.

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22 April 1998

Finance Committee
Senate
State of Alaska

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I have been a faculty member at UAF for 25 years, presently serve as the Dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics, and will assume the position of Provost on July 1. I have devoted my professional career to this place, and I think it's one of the greatest public institutions in the State. I am proud to have contributed to the education of thousands of Alaskan students over the years, and I look forward to continuing to assist others in their educational pursuits.

My concern is that without at least funding the UA System for FY99 at the continuation level of \$164M plus an additional \$3.5M for salary increases the State will be risking long-lasting damage to the institution. I wish we could get together so I could share with you "exit surveys" which are now coming into my office from graduating seniors in our College. If you saw them, I'm sure you would agree with my assessment that our seniors appreciate the fine education that they have received here but have grave reservations about the type of education we will be able to provide future students. The "atmosphere of doom" portrayed by these students is affecting our recruiting and retention efforts. Once things are headed in that direction, it will take herculean efforts to turn things around. In the meantime we will be increasing our most valuable export--our own kids to out-of-state institutions and to out-of-state careers.

I know that many of you question how well UA uses its resources, and I understand the State's cash flow problem. However, I urge you to provide us at least the level of funding described above. Less than that will pose a real risk to the future of higher education in Alaska. For my part, I guarantee that I will be looking for every nickel of administrative savings that I can put into academic programs.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Reichardt

22 April 1998

3118 Chinook Drive
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Senator Drue Pearce
Senator Bert Sharp
Senator Dave Donley
Senator Randy Phillips
Senator Al Adams
Senator Sean Parnell
Senator John Torgerson
Senate Finance Committee
State Legislative Offices
Juneau, Alaska

Senators:

I write to ask that you, as members of the Finance Committee, urge that the legislature fund the University of Alaska budget before you. UA must have its budget of \$165,000,000, plus the additional \$3.5 million in salary increases recommended by the Senate Finance university subcommittee.

As a staff member at UAF, I will not receive a raise. But I know, if the legislature does not fund the university at this recommended level, that UAF will fall farther and farther behind in its educational and research goals. I can see that the university is suffering already, losing status as an academic institution, and losing students. Both are a great loss to the State of Alaska.

The university is reaching the point where it will not be able to recover from these losses. Students doubt whether or not their degree programs will survive long enough for them to graduate, and they doubt whether, when they enter the job market, a UA degree will command respect from employers.

You have the power to stop this degeneration by fully funding the UA budget and the salary increase money. Please give the university a chance to fulfill its promises.

Sincerely,


Sandra Boatwright

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From: SANDRA BOATWRIGHT

To the Senate Finance Committee

Please support the University of Alaska. We need a great University system for our state; we need increased funding to achieve that greatness.

A concerned citizen

4/21/98

Senator Drue Pearce, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Senator Pearce,

I am writing to urge you to support full funding of the University of Alaska budget. The University has been reduced every year over the last several years. These cuts are eroding our ability to meet the postsecondary needs of our citizens. It is critical that funding be restored to cover the proposed operating budget and salary increases which have just be negotiated. There have been no increases in salaries for over 4 years. Alaska must have a strong university system to train Alaskans in Alaska for the next century. Thank you.

Karen M. Ward
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April 21, 1998

Alaska State Senate
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Senators

I have listened to reports and presentations by professionals, heard dissertations of fear from students and read letters and newspaper articles. I find it all very sad that a gem of Alaska appears to be ready for disintegration. The pride that one feels for the University of Alaska is being undermined by groups of individuals who don't seem to understand the importance of this institution to the state and its people.

We all know that the University of Alaska is the place of higher learning where one goes after high school if an academic degree is to be sought. But has the legislature really considered all the gifts the University has given to the communities?

Music comes to mind. The University has enabled thousands of young people to pursue and appreciate the art of music. As an extension of the University, a variety of youth groups have been offered which have helped students direct their activities in a positive direction. These kids develop their skills, learn teamwork and respect for one another, learn pride in their accomplishments and stay off the streets and out of trouble. In addition, they provide wonderful entertainment for the community.

Our Symphony Orchestras have travelled throughout the state giving rural regions opportunities to experience the arts.

The Theatre Department offers excellent productions for the enjoyment of all residents in the area. And, those with a thirst for Visual Art have an opportunity to view new methods and the works of up and coming students. Many community members continue to develop their talents through the university.

How about the Science Fair? Many University employees support youth's curiosity in the scientific world.

When my children participated in Speech Contests, the University was involved. Many members of the community have benefited over the years from the personal and physical development classes. The library has been available to all.

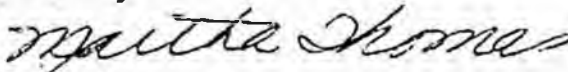
All levels of education profit from the vast knowledge contained within the walls of the University of Alaska. Many professors take time from their schedules to visit public school classrooms to make presentations in the area of their expertise. These same professors are available as information resources for classroom teachers, as well as a myriad of non-profit agencies. I know from first hand experience as a Girl Scout leader.

Our communities need skilled people. A variety of employment goals can be amply met through the University of Alaska, both academic and vocational. Why would we want to send out children outside to schools for training they could just as easily and less expensively obtain here in Alaska? There is an advantage for many students to receive their education in the familiar surroundings of their home where their education matches the environmental challenges of the Alaskan climate. One would like to think a percentage of students trained at home will want to help develop the State of Alaska economically. But we certainly are not going to encourage students to stay in Alaska if their educational opportunities are constantly eroding.

There is so much talk about hiring Alaskans first and keeping the money in the state, yet with the potential cut backs in programs, students are forced to seek education elsewhere, paying astronomical amounts in out-of-state tuition. That money could stay in Alaska if the programs continued to remain strong and a positive campaign is launched to encourage students to stay home.

My concern comes from many directions. I am a student, alumni, a mother of three students all currently registered at the University of Alaska and I am an employee. It is interesting when I consider that my UA degree program was eliminated from the university 20 years ago, one of my children is unable to get the classes she needs for her degree and so will move outside, the courses I am wanting in the senior citizen field do not exist in my location and the stress and pressure placed on those remaining University system workers is incredible. Yet I am proud of our institution and strongly support the University. I see its future potential as a guide for all of Alaska's children, but our future is only as strong as its educational programs. Let's get these programs properly funded!

Sincerely



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Message:

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Senate Finance Committee:
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Sen John Torgerson

Dear Senators:

Please join your colleagues on the Finance university subcommittee in voting for the restored budget of \$164,304,500 plus \$3,500,000 for salary increases. Actually, even this amount is too little, but I want to be realistic. I don't think you can possibly understand how much damage underfunding has already done to the university's faculty, facilities, student body, and morale; or how important the university is to the local community and to the state as a whole. If you did, you would not consider making more cuts.

From

to 19074652187

at 04/22/98 09:29a Pg 002/002

Thank you for considering my point of view.

Yours sincerely,
Burns Cooper



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE Senate Finance
 COMMITTEE NAME
 COMMITTEE ON HB 325 DATED 4-23-98
 BILL/SUBJECT

My Name is Nettie Jane Warbelow from Tok, Alaska and I am a Board member for the Upper Tanana Head Start Program *and a parent.*

I want to express my deepest concerns regarding cutbacks relating to the Head start program. I support the Governors choice regarding the SMART Program. The State of Alaska is at a turning point regarding our Economic Development and there has been to many cutbacks regarding Families already.

If we are going to succeed as a State we need not to cutback where there is hope in preparing our children for self betterment.

I personally feel that we take away from those who need the support the most and put it into Administration at the Capital level and this does not assist families who are in need for immediate services.

I have been working with the Head Start Program and the Staff almost on a daily basis and I see that this Program is very much needed for the Tok community and its surrounding Villages and not only that but it is important for the whole state.

I have been involved in Human Services for many years and it is very sad in most cases that we neglect and take away from the next generation that will one day run this state.

I urge that there is no cutbacks regarding this Program as it is needed for the State of Alaska.

SIGNED

Nettie Warbelow
 TESTIFIER

REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

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As you know, Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood program for children prenatal to age 5 and their families whose emphasis is on prevention & early intervention. While we appreciate the fact that Head Start funds have not been cut over the past few years, there has been no increase which means that we serve more children and families with less money due to rising costs.

Head Start is an important investment for families, particularly in this time of welfare reform as Head Start provides training and employment opportunities for our local communities. For example, 14 of the 21 Head Start staff of our local program are former or current Head Start parents. We are fortunate to have and appreciate support from our local communities in the form of space for classrooms, office, & materials.

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Therefore, the Governor's request for an increase in Head Start funds would allow for more direct services in the areas of health education family services, and disabilities to children and families. Yes, I realize funds are tight but cutting from prevention and early intervention programs such as Head Start is not the answer.

Children are an important resource of our state. Please look to the future - by investing in our children we are investing in the future of Alaska and will save money in the long run.

Thank you for your time.

SIGNED Pam Gingue
TESTIFIER

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COMMITTEE ON HB 325 DATED 4-23-98
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My Name is Nettie Jane Warbelow from Tok, Alaska and I am a Board member for the Upper Tanana Head Start Program *and a parent.*

I want to express my deepest concerns regarding cutbacks relating to the Head start program. I support the Governor's choice regarding the SMART Program. The State of Alaska is at a turning point regarding our Economic Development and there has been too many cutbacks regarding Families already.

If we are going to succeed as a State we need not to cutback where there is hope in preparing our children for self betterment.

I personally feel that we take away from those who need the support the most and put it into Administration at the Capital level and this does not assist families who are in need for immediate services.

I have been working with the Head Start Program and the Staff almost on a daily basis and I see that this Program is very much needed for the Tok community and its surrounding Villages and not only that but, it is important for the whole state.

I have been involved in Human Services for many years and it is very sad in most cases that we neglect and take away from the next generation that will one day run this state.

I urge that there is no cutbacks regarding this Program as it is needed for the State of Alaska.

SIGNED

Nettie Jane Warbelow
TESTIFIER

REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

907 883 2651 or fax 907 883-3034
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As you know, Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood program for children prenatal to age 5 and their families whose emphasis is on prevention & early intervention. While we appreciate the fact that Head Start funds have not been cut over the past few years, there has been no increase which means that we serve more children and families with less money due to rising costs.

Head Start is an important investment for families, particularly in this time of welfare reform as Head Start provides training and employment opportunities for our local communities. For example, 14 of the 21 Head Start staff of our local program are former or current Head Start parents. We are fortunate to have and appreciate support from our local communities in the form of space for classrooms, office, & material.

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Therefore, the Governor's request for ~~an~~ increase in Head Start funds would allow for more direct services in the areas of health education family services, and disabilities to children and families. Yes, I realize funds are tight but cutting from prevention and early intervention programs such as Head Start is not the answer.

Children are an important resource of our state. Please look to the future--by investing in our children we are investing in the future of Alaska and will save money in the long run.

Thank you for your time.

SIGNED Pam Geringe
TESTIFIER

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James R. and F. Carol Kvasnikoff
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I would like this message to everyone involved with the Senate House Finance Committee and everyone involved with Head Start Program.

I would like to express my opinion about the Head Start here in our village. It has been very important to our family how Head Start has become a very strong area in our lives. Our son Christopher has gotten a love of learning and even more so a need to explore and take areas of life on his own. He is still learning his basics of ABC's and numbers, but more so his learning to get along and interact with other children. He uses his manners and this being his last year of Headstart he finds opportunities to think and use his skills in an array of different areas. If he didn't have this opportunity to go to Headstart, his world would be limited.

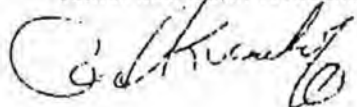
Another area that it has helped out in is quality child care. I don't worry if he is being well taken care of and getting his needs met. It has been a place where he loves to go, I think not only because its fun but because he learns so much.

Head Start has so many components involved with them that it is so hard to touch on them all. It involves the whole family including the extended family. It involves health, nutrition, social well being. There has been several programs given about how in today's world there is so much a little child has to watch out for to be safe. We have workers that comes into the homes and works with my husband and I, along with Christopher on testing and some activities. It shows us what we can be working on to support what is going on into school. The program works with education with the whole family and help to identify what the children needs are in a private setting but yet we all have to work together as a unit in Head Start.

Our Head Start is a small school, but these children are so important to us as any other children. And it is for this reason that I feel so strongly about writing this message in support of the Head Start and for all the other children that have not had an opportunity to go. I feel our children must become our top priority in seeing that the children and parents get every opportunity to be cared for, loved, educated in academic and local knowledge. I feel that Head Start needs to be expanded to be able for other children and families to have what our son has been able to experience. If we are able to lead and teach our children in the right way as they are young it will be instilled into them and they will be able to become healthier adults and will be able to do the same for their children.

I urge you to remember our very important children and look down the road as these children get older, maybe we would need to be hearing all of these children having as many problems as we hear of today. But we must also work with the family. This will be the only way of keeping the family as a unit is to be able to work with the whole family.

Thank You
James and Carol Kvasnikoff



March 1998

Senators Bert Sharp and Drue Pearce,
Co-chairs, Senate Finance Committee
Representatives Gene Therriault and Mark Hanley
Co-chairs, House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

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APR 15 1998

Dear Finance Committee Co-chairs,

I understand that you have a very difficult job ahead of you with the state budget. However, I am writing today to ask you to not cut programs for children. I am asking this on behalf of the children who need the services, who are too young to speak for themselves.

I urge you to not cut programs that serve children and their families. Children's programs should be fully funded. These programs are badly needed, and save us money in the long run. For every dollar invested early, four are saved later.

Sincerely,

Lynette Krause

Signature

Printed Name and Address:

Lynette Krause

710 Waves Rd. Fairbanks, Ak. 99709

The Smart Start program is a great way to go.
We need all the help we can get!
I believe we need the extra protective services
& more Medicaid proposed, too.
I've worked in Early Childhood in Fairbanks
for 12 years. Our little ones don't have a voice.
We count on you to help us care for them.

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Dear Senator Pearce,

I know you've been involved with children issues, so am sending this clipping down to you.

Along with a possible restructuring of DEYS procedures + programs, let's also fund it so it can adequately protect our children.

I don't like big govt. any more than the Rep. majority, but our frontier mentality has really hurt us in significant ways. Our social problems are the greatest nationally in the country. NOT something to be proud of.

I hope this legislature is up to the task of adequately funding DEYS, DEC, public safety + education and not cutting off our nose to spite our face.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

John

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Everyday tragedies

THE PAGES OF "Alaska's Children of a Hidden War" are filled with tragedy.

Under a state law based on the questionable assumption that keeping the details private somehow protects the victims, Alaskans have allowed the specifics of child abuse in our state to escape public attention.

A few sensational cases have been publicized, but most remain secret, which means that the scandal and its handling by the government also remain secret.

The attitude about public disclosure is changing, one sign of which is the publication of this booklet by the state.

Without giving any names or locations, the booklet lists 134 cases in which children were taken into state custody during a three-month period in 1997.

Here is a sample:

■ Boys ages 9, 13 and 15 were assaulted by their mother with a baseball bat. She was drunk.

■ A boy, exposed in the womb to cocaine, alcohol and other drugs, was taken from his mother when he was 2 months old. Three other children had already been permanently removed from the mother, who has a history of prostitution.

■ A 4-year-old boy had his toes bitten by his mother's boyfriend. His toes became infected. There were finger marks around the child's neck and his face had been beaten.

■ A 3-month-old and 15-month-old had been exposed to cocaine before birth. The state had already taken five other children from the mother.

■ A 1-year-old had extensive bruising on both sides of her buttocks and vaginal adhesions from sexual abuse. She is the sixth child born to a mother who had parental rights terminated for four of her children.

■ A 4-year-old girl was severely beaten by her father, who gave her a crewcut and said he was putting her through boot camp training. He forced her to perform vigorous exercises.

■ A newborn tested positive for cocaine and alcohol. The mother's parental rights had been terminated on her three other children.

■ A child that weighed 2 lbs., 8 oz., born two months premature, tested positive for cocaine at birth. An older child was in state custody because the father threw the 8-month-old against the wall.

■ A 5-year-old was left alone. The mother was drunk and found praying to a fence post.

■ A 6-month-old and a 1-year-old were found in a house where all the adults were passed out.

■ A 4-year-old and 5-year-old were found wandering the streets alone. They refused to go home. They had severe cases of swimmer's itch and head lice.

■ A 3-month-old had a skull fracture that had healed, a broken finger and a broken arm. The father was drunk.

■ A 9-year-old was away from home for three days, wandering in a trailer court. No parent reported her missing. She was dirty and hungry.

■ A 9-year-old was taking care of an 11-month-old, a 5-year-old and a 7-year-old while the parents were drinking.

■ Four children, ages 16 months to 8 years, with no fathers in common, were unattended. Their mother was passed out.

■ A 6-year-old and 7-year-old were left with an elderly relative who couldn't care for them. Both parents were on a drinking binge.

■ A 6-year-old, 7-year-old and 13-year-old were physically and sexually abused by their father.

■ A child was born with a blood alcohol level of .146, far above the legal limit for drunk driving.

SOCIAL WORKERS say the three months documented in the report were not unusual in Alaska's Hidden War.

Call the governor's office or the Legislative Information Office for copies of this report. It's also on the governor's home page on the Internet.

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To:
Drue Pearce,
ALASKA SENATOR

4/22/98

From:
Steve Sunderlin
Weatherization Assessor, FAIRBANKS

Dear Drue

I have been involved in the weatherization field for ten years. I can tell you that this is one of a few programs that work in this state. The benefits to the elderly and the handicapped are tremendous. These people have struggled to put food on the table, oil in the tank. With our assistance, their homes are warmer, no longer deteriorating, and maybe a few more groceries in the fridge.

I can only tell you that it would be a disappointment to cut this program further. There really is a big payback from the monies that are spent with this program.

Thank you for Reading this
Steve H. Sunderlin



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
Committee Name
 Committee on SB 211 Dated 4-21-98
Bill / Subject

As a life long Fairbanks resident, an educator, and more importantly a mother of 3 I want to urge you to support the Healthy Families program within our state and the Ftk's community.

As an Early Childhood Educator for the past 17 years here in the Ftk's area I have seen an increase of families who are overburdened and stressed with the more day-to-day activities of being a parent. Our families today are facing more and more outside pressures just to keep their family together, feed, clothed, and happy. The Healthy Families program provides these families who have no outside support (ie extended family, church groups, or other support people) with information, appropriate role modeling, connection within the community, and enables them to become stronger, empowered, and confident parents. What better way is there to build healthier families and a ^{stable future} "resource" our Alaskan children.

SIGNED:

Debbie Hall

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Fairbanks Community Member

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April 8, 1998

Members of the House Finance Committee and
TO all other Members of the Senate and House.

"I am a child and I live in Rural Alaska. I attend my school every day, even though I have to walk three miles to and from school. I carry my sack lunch, so I will not get hungry during the day. I even have to dress very warm, because they now have to heat the school with a wood stove. My teacher said even though we are no longer a modern school, it is still necessary to learn how to read and write. I wish I could move to Fairbanks, or Anchorage so I could go to school there, at least I wouldn't have to walk and I could have new books to read. Kids in the city are so lucky, they get so much new stuff, like computers and a swimming pool." I'll never live in a village when I grow up. I don't care.

Can you imagine this is what our children are thinking. I remember the days when I did walk to school everyday and I did carry my lunch and our school was heated by a wood stove. I never in my wildest dreams thought we would have to go back to the "Abc Lincoln Days". It's crazy to know that even though our State has so much wealth and that more often than not it comes from our back yards that we still cannot educate our children with fairness and equity. Come to your senses before you make the situation turn into something that really separates the people. Subsistence is bad enough. Thank you for your time and I really pray during this Easter Week that you would have a clear conscience when you vote on this issue.

Sincerely,
Julie M. Roberts
Julie M. Roberts
Mother of Three Boys In
Tanana, Alaska



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MESSAGE:

We tried sending this testimony last night
but it wouldn't go. So I will start by phoning
over this morning.
Inc-ling: Cover sheet of testimony from Richard Patton
28 pages of petitions

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showing the extent of community concern and support.

Attached 28 pages of petitions

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*The Association of Site Councils of the South Peninsula
 urges our Legislature to increase school funding for the Kenai.
 This group represents the schools of McNeil Canyon, Paul Bantz,
 West Homer Elementary, Homer Middle School and Homer
 High School. We have been meeting and working toward
 this end since last January.*

*Attached is a petition of more than ~~200~~³⁰⁰ signatures
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APRIL 11, 1998

KENNY LAKE PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
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HC 60 BOX 224
COPPER CENTER, AK 99573

ALASKA LEGISLATORS
JUNEAU, ALASKA

RE: SB36

DEAR LEGISLATORS:

ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF A LETTER PREPARED BY ONE OF OUR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS.

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PLEASE RECOGNIZE THE DESPERATE NEED WE HAVE FOR THE FUNDING OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WE WILL SPARE YOU THE DETAILS (WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH YOU PREVIOUSLY) OF SOME OF THE INADEQUACIES IN OUR PRESENT ELEMENTARY FACILITY.

PLEASE KNOW THAT THINGS ARE CONTINUING TO FALL DOWN AROUND OUR CHILDREN'S EARS AND WE ARE VERY WORRY THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN ON THEIR HEADS!

WE REALIZE THE CHALLENGE YOU ALL HAVE AND SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

SINCERELY,

Kenny Lake PTO

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CC: DR. DOYLE: COPPER RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
REED CARLSON: KENNY LAKE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

April 17, 1998

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Julia Gutson

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HC 60 BOX 342

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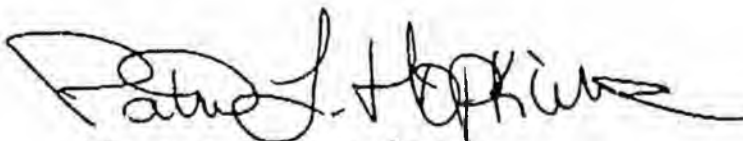
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HC 60 Box 343

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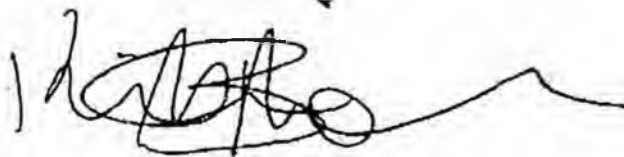
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SH. Rt. Box 215

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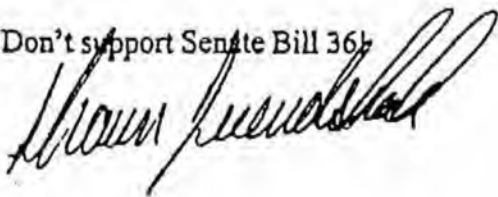
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Kenny Lake PTO

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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 1133

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW JUVENILE FACILITY IN THE PALMER AREA.

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks 2nd in the percentage of juveniles who are locked up, and

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks 2nd in the length of time its juveniles are locked up, and

WHEREAS, juveniles from Mat-Su range from 22 to 36 in actual numbers that are detained in MYC (Anchorage Facility), and

WHEREAS, Mat-Su is the fastest growing area in the United States and its juvenile problems are growing as fast, and

WHEREAS, a good alternative is accomplished with strong diversion and intervention programs, and

WHEREAS, most young people who came into contact with the juvenile system do so only once, and

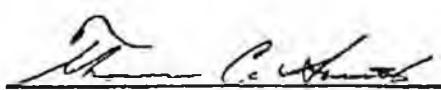
WHEREAS, one of the biggest deterrents is timely response to serious crimes committed by our youth, and

WHEREAS, a good strong response is a juvenile facility in the Palmer area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Palmer supports the construction and operation of a new juvenile facility in the Palmer area.

Passed and approved this 14th day of October, 1997.


HENRY P. GUINOTTE, MAYOR


THOMAS C. SMITH, CITY CLERK



GREATER PALMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RESOLUTION 98-001

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW JUVENILE FACILITY IN PALMER, ALASKA.

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks second nationally in the percentage of juveniles who are incarcerated, and

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks second in the length of time these juveniles are incarcerated, and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough is the fastest growing area in Alaska, with juvenile problems growing at a proportionate rate, and

WHEREAS, the number of juveniles from Mat-Su detained in the overcrowded Anchorage facility range between 22 and 36, and

WHEREAS, the need for a Juvenile Assessment Center is clearly demonstrated by these and other facts, and

WHEREAS, the Assessment Center will result in a consistent, timely, and coordinated response to juvenile crime, and

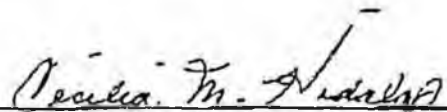
WHEREAS, the Assessment Center will be an enhanced opportunity for early interventions and diversion of first-time and non-violent Offenders, and

WHEREAS, the District Court House, Mat-Su Pretrial Facility, and the District Headquarters of the Alaska State Troopers are within the city limits of Palmer,

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer provides water and sewer systems to all facilities within its boundaries, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Palmer offers the best and most logical location for the proposed Juvenile Assessment Center in the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of January, 1998.


Cecilia Hidalgo, President, Board of Directors

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on the Mat-Su 15 Bed facility, dated April 23, 1998.

The City of Palmer recognizes the immediate need for a Mat-Su 15 bed Youth Detention Center. We encourage the Finance Committee to recommend funding for this facility in this budget season. I am the seller of a site of seven acres that was chosen for the Palmer site offering. Although I am not able to offer the entire site as donation, I am offering 2 additional contiguous acres as a donation which can be committed to programs for the facility and hope to acquire matching funds to double that donation's effectiveness. With comparable properties selling at approximately \$43,000.00 per acre (.99 per square foot), this donation could reach a value of approximately \$172,000.00, with matching funds.

The site has city utilities available to the property boundaries, an inspiring view of Pioneer Peak, and close proximity to all needed services, as well as meeting or exceeding every other site criteria outlined by the local selection committee. The City of Palmer offers to act as construction manager, as its eighth public project. Former projects for the State include the court house, the trooper headquarters, the pre-trail facility, the airport, and a project currently underway for the Forestry Service air response division. Former projects for the City of Palmer include the Palmer Police Station and the golf course. The City of Palmer believes it can complete the project timely and within budget constraints. The site is available, donation intact, even without the City acting as construction manager, if DOT prefers to do the construction. With the donation of 2 additional acres, and the substantial savings incurred by the availability of city utilities, both in the construction and long term maintenance costs, there are many benefits in locating to the Palmer site.

The community of Palmer is welcoming and enthusiastic about the facility. Following are resolutions from the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce and the City of Palmer. Interested parties and neighbors showed themselves overwhelmingly in favor of locating the facility in our city at our town hall meeting.

We want the facility to locate in the Valley this year at the best long term site possible. We believe Palmer holds that site, but we respectfully request appropriation of funds this year for whatever site is finally chosen.

Signed: _____

Jill Reese, Palmer resident and business owner

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Mat-Su Council

Substance Abuse Recovery Center

2801 Bogard Road Wasilla, Alaska 99654 (907) 376-4000

March 13, 1998

Marty Grossman
Facilities Manager
State of Alaska
Department of Health and Social Services

This letter respectfully requests that the City of Wasilla also be considered as a site for the proposed Juvenile Detention Center. Our intent, however, should not be construed as partisan against construction of this facility in Palmer. Both areas offer considerable attractiveness for the Center.

Instead, the Mat-Su Council offers support to the State of Alaska in considering alternatives for a site location that will best meet the needs of the juvenile residents the JDC will serve.

Sincerely,

Jim McEnnis
Deputy Director

Serving the Mat-Su Valley Since 1977



To: Charlie Fannon Wasilla Chief of Police
FAX: 373-9051

From: Pamela L. Sandvik, Mat-Su Recovery Center (and TurnAround Youth Recovery Program)
FAX: 373-1135

Charlie: For Teleconference Hearing

The Mat-Su Recovery Center works with adolescents who are exhibiting drug or alcohol-related problems. Of Mat-Su's 59,000 people, 18 percent are adolescent or nearing adolescence. This represents approximately 10,620 teenagers. In the past 20 months, the Mat-Su Recovery Center's TurnAround Youth Recovery Program assessed 285 youth, 162 of whom were determined to have problem level alcohol or other drug abuse. The ages of these adolescents were consistent with previous years:

- ❖ 65% were 15-18 years old
- ❖ 32% were ages 12-14
- ❖ 3% were under 12

Many of the adolescents in our community present difficult problems to teachers, their parents and to professionals. Unfortunately, the community does not have a mechanism to quickly assess and address their problems. As the population grows and more children move toward their adolescent years, the problems we're now seeing with youth will increase. Currently, our kids have to be sent to Anchorage, or worse, there is no consequence for unacceptable behavior.

As the only provider of substance abuse treatment specifically for adolescents in the Mat-Su, I strongly support the establishment of a juvenile detention facility and assessment center. We have to help our kids in their own community.

Pamela L. Sandvik



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March 13, 1998

Tim Krug, City Planner
City of Wasilla
290 E. Herning Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654

Re: Juvenile Detention Center

Dear Mr. Krug:

As the Chief Executive Officer of Life Quest, the Mat-Su Valley's community mental health center, I strongly support the establishment of the center in the Mat-Su Valley. For far too long our community has been under resourced in dealing with the youth of our community who have social, psychological and health-related problems. Although it is much more cost effective to have treatment and prevention programs established that prevent youth from getting involved in the juvenile justice system, when they do become clients of the system, having a facility in the community is much better than sending them out of their home community. By having a juvenile detention center in the Valley, consequences for undesirable and illegal behavior will be much more immediate and effective.

The area of the Valley that is experiencing the fastest and largest growth is the Big Lake and Wasilla areas. Thus, it would make sense to locate the new facility in the area where the population is expanding. Even if a site is not located in the Wasilla area, I strongly support the building of a facility somewhere in the core area. Often times the youth that end up in the juvenile justice system are active clients in other health and social service agencies. By having a local facility, many of the services that a youth is enrolled in could continue during their period of institutionalization. Additionally, increased contact by families would be able to occur.

In summary, I support the establishment of a juvenile detention center in the core area of Wasilla and Palmer. As a community mental health provider, I pledge my commitment to working with facility officials to make the program an effective and positive asset for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert S. Irvine". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert S. Irvine, Ed.D
Chief Executive Officer

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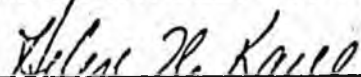
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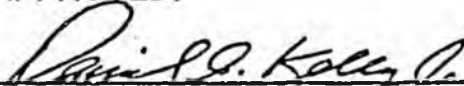
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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APPROVED:



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April 8, 1998

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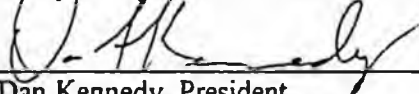
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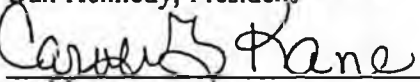
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Date



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ATTESTED:



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Wasilla Christian Church

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Thursday, March 19, 1998

RECEIVED

Tim Krug
290 E. Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

MAR 20 1998
CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

Re: Youth Detention Facility

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Steve Taylor

Jerry Valley

Dear Mr. Krug,

As per your request I have talked to the leadership of our church and the idea of having a lock-down facility for the youth has met with a favorable response. The idea of city water being brought that much closer to our facility is a highlight. And, since "we live" with troubled youth in our community the thought of having a detention facility in our community doesn't seem to be a problem.

As you also requested, I have not spoken from the pulpit or to individual members of the congregation. Therefore, I cannot speak for them or their opinions.

Thank you for dropping by to take the thoughts of our church leadership into consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Savino

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

DATE: 4/13/98

TIME: _____

TO: Whom it May Concern

FROM: Dale A. Hanmitt

NO. OF SHEETS INCLUDING TRANSMITTAL SHEET: _____

I highly support the building of
the Youth Detention Center in the
Wasilla Area

I highly encourage the City of Wasilla
Assembly to support this Project

Dale A. Hanmitt

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on the Mat-Su 15 Bed facility, dated April 23, 1998.

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The community of Palmer is welcoming and enthusiastic about the facility. Following are resolutions from the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce and the City of Palmer. Interested parties and neighbors showed themselves overwhelmingly in favor of locating the facility in our city at our town hall meeting.

We want the facility to locate in the Valley this year at the best long term site possible. We believe Palmer holds that site, but we respectfully request appropriation of funds this year for whatever site is finally chosen.

Signed: _____

Jill Reese, Palmer resident and business owner:

J. Reese Investments & Brokerage, Ltd., Gold Miner's Hotel, and Motherlode Lodge

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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

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Passed and approved this 14th day of October, 1997.


HENRY P. GUINOTTE, MAYOR


THOMAS C. SMITH, CITY CLERK



GREATER PALMER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RESOLUTION 98-001

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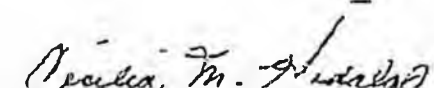
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Passed and approved this 23rd day of January, 1998.


Cecilia Hidalgo, President, Board of Directors

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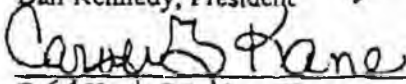
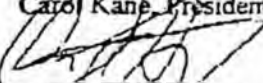
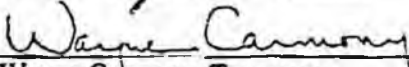
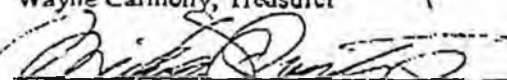

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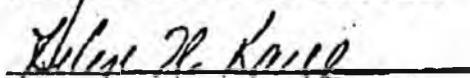
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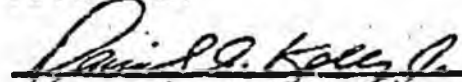
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**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 98-02**

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March 13, 1998

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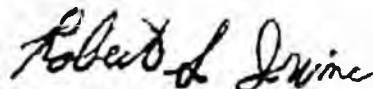
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As the Chief Executive Officer of Life Quest, the Mat-Su Valley's community mental health center, I strongly support the establishment of the center in the Mat-Su Valley. For far too long our community has been under resourced in dealing with the youth of our community who have social, psychological and health-related problems. Although it is much more cost effective to have treatment and prevention programs established that prevent youth from getting involved in the juvenile justice system, when they do become clients of the system, having a facility in the community is much better than sending them out of their home community. By having a juvenile detention center in the Valley, consequences for undesirable and illegal behavior will be much more immediate and effective.

The area of the Valley that is experiencing the fastest and largest growth is the Big Lake and Wasilla areas. Thus, it would make sense to locate the new facility in the area where the population is expanding. Even if a site is not located in the Wasilla area, I strongly support the building of a facility somewhere in the core area. Often times the youth that end up in the juvenile justice system are active clients in other health and social service agencies. By having a local facility, many of the services that a youth is enrolled in could continue during their period of institutionalization. Additionally, increased contact by families would be able to occur.

In summary, I support the establishment of a juvenile detention center in the core area of Wasilla and Palmer. As a community mental health provider, I pledge my commitment to working with facility officials to make the program an effective and positive asset for our community.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Irvine, Ed.D
Chief Executive Officer

RSI:bjw



Member Agency

United Way

To: Charlie Fannon Wasilla Chief of Police
FAX: 373-9051

From: Pamela L. Sandvik, Mat-Su Recovery Center (and TurnAround Youth Recovery Program)
FAX: 373-1135

Charlie: For Teleconference Hearing

The Mat-Su Recovery Center works with adolescents who are exhibiting drug or alcohol-related problems. Of Mat-Su's 59,000 people, 18 percent are adolescent or nearing adolescence. This represents approximately 10,620 teenagers. In the past 20 months, the Mat-Su Recovery Center's TurnAround Youth Recovery Program assessed 285 youth, 162 of whom were determined to have problem level alcohol or other drug abuse. The ages of these adolescents were consistent with previous years:

- ❖ 65% were 15-18 years old
- ❖ 32% were ages 12-14
- ❖ 3% were under 12

Many of the adolescents in our community present difficult problems to teachers, their parents and to professionals. Unfortunately, the community does not have a mechanism to quickly assess and address their problems. As the population grows and more children move toward their adolescent years, the problems we're now seeing with youth will increase. Currently, our kids have to be sent to Anchorage, or worse, there is no consequence for unacceptable behavior.

As the only provider of substance abuse treatment specifically for adolescents in the Mat-Su, I strongly support the establishment of a juvenile detention facility and assessment center. We have to help our kids in their own community.

Pamela L. Sandvik



Mat-Su Council
Substance Abuse Recovery Center
2801 Bogard Road Wasilla, Alaska 99654 (907) 376-4000

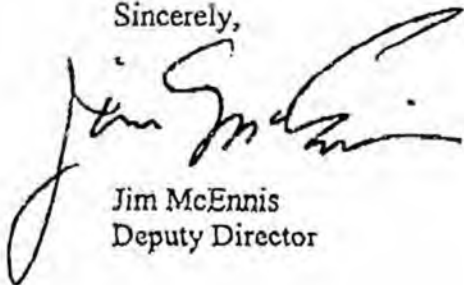
March 13, 1998

Marty Grossman
Facilities Manager
State of Alaska
Department of Health and Social Services

This letter respectfully requests that the City of Wasilla also be considered as a site for the proposed Juvenile Detention Center. Our intent, however, should not be construed as partisan against construction of this facility in Palmer. Both areas offer considerable attractiveness for the Center.

Instead, the Mat-Su Council offers support to the State of Alaska in considering alternatives for a site location that will best meet the needs of the juvenile residents the JDC will serve.

Sincerely,



Jim McEnnis
Deputy Director

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Wasilla Christian Church

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Thursday, March 19, 1998

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CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

Tim Krug
290 E. Heming Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

Re: Youth Detention Facility

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Dear Mr. Krug,

As per your request I have talked to the leadership of our church and the idea of having a lock-down facility for the youth has met with a favorable response. The idea of city water being brought that much closer to our facility is a highlight. And, since "we live" with troubled youth in our community the thought of having a detention facility in our community doesn't seem to be a problem.

As you also requested, I have not spoken from the pulpit or to individual members of the congregation. Therefore, I cannot speak for them or their opinions.

Thank you for dropping by to take the thoughts of our church leadership into consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Savino

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

DATE: 4/13/98

TIME: _____

TO: Whom it May Concern

FROM: Dale A. Hammit

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I highly support the building of
the Youth Detention Center in the
Wasilla Area

I highly encourage the City of Wasilla
Assembly to support this Project

Dale A. Hammit

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5-7-98

ATTN: SENATE + Legislation,

I would like to request a teleconference concerning funding for VICTIMS FOR JUSTICE which is desperately needed here in Fairbanks. I have a lot of problems being a victim and having to call Anchorage is not only expensive but they can't help to much because they're not ~~here~~ here to see what's going on first hand. I would really like to talk with you some more about how important this is to me and my family and close friends.

Evelyn Thomas

Dear Sus,

5/8/98

I'm writing this letter in reaction to information I've received recently. I'm shocked at the struggles that the victims of this state have been forced to endure in order to receive funding. My very dear friend was recently lost her 15 yr. old son to homicide. We walked beside her through all of the court battles, and frankly, the only outside source of sanity for us both has been through the victims rights organization. We simply can not lose this precious resource.

Please consider the importance of this organization as well as the court watch group. They have been so very needed and appreciated for their help & support.

I would like to participate in a teleconference with your committee as soon as possible. I understand this is a choice that you can make as well.

Thank you

Respectfully,
Cynthia L. Carter

→

→ so we may personally express to you our feelings on these important issues.

Thank you -

Lizindy Schirmer - survivor
of
homicide

When one loses a loved one through violence, it exists a whole extra set of turmoil which makes functioning coherently quite challenging. We families are left with a gargantuan void in our lives that we have to cope with, let alone being thrown onto the clutter of all of the institutions we are left to deal with, some of them for an very extended period of time (i.e. police, judicial system, media). Through this act of senseless violence, we are left so shattered that we are left feeling very helpless, insecure, vulnerable; we basically need to be coddled and cared for like a baby, and led by the hand, showing what to do, until we are capable of standing on our own again. Victims for Justice plays their role of their helpers. They are an invaluable source of help and guidance. They provide help that is desperately needed to help the families and survivors of these crimes to cope and learn how to function in the roles that we are thrown into filling.

I am requesting that the funding be given to Victims for Justice to not only carry on their work, but to expand and extend their work to provide a much needed service. I also ask for the full funding for court watch, a much needed service as well.

Please give us the better opportunity to learn to live again. And please grant us a (etc. forgiveness)

**KETCHIKAN REGIONAL
YOUTH
DETENTION/DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT
CENTER**

"MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN"

- **STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**
- **CITY OF KETCHIKAN**

**KETCHIKAN REGIONAL
YOUTH DETENTION / DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTER**

FACT SHEET

Project Description:

Construction of a 10 bed Regional Youth Detention/Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Ketchikan to be operated by the State of Alaska

- 4 Detention Beds for youths who are awaiting court hearings or who are court ordered into the facility.
- 4 Mental Health Beds for diagnostic and treatment for emotionally disturbed youths.
- 2 Swing Beds for detention or protective custody of substance abuse.

Project Goals:

- Provide the community with a secure youth detention and assessment facility.
- Provide specialized diagnostic treatment services for emotionally disturbed youths.
- Provide protective custody for alcohol and substance abuse.
- Provide linkage to existing community mental health and substance abuse services.
- Reduce local police department costs.
- Reduce State costs in transporting youths to other youth detention facilities.
- Reduce client load on other youth detention facilities.
- Provide cost effective full service youth facility.

Project Justification:

Evidence has shown a link between youth substance abuse, mental health and juvenile delinquency, yet each is often treated independently or sometimes inadequately if appropriate services are not available. It is the Community's belief that constructing and operating a facility which integrates Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Detention services will provide the following benefits:

- Better and appropriate services by addressing complete youth needs.
- Better protection of public.
- Linkage to existing community services.
- Cost savings by not having to transport youths out of the community.

Unique Opportunity:

This proposal offers a unique opportunity to put into practice an integrated services concept that has been advocated as making a positive difference in the lives of troubled youth. If successful, this project will become a model for the rest of the State and for other States looking to address youth problems.

Partnership/Funding:

The State of Alaska and Ketchikan are partnering to develop this unique project. Estimated cost of the facility is \$3. Funding is being pursued through a number of sources including:

- State of Alaska
- Federal Grants
- Mental Health Trust
- Local Contributions
- Private Foundations

Due to differing funding cycles, full or partial funding for the project is being requested from each funding sources. Currently \$1.5 Million has been included in the Governor's supplemental budget for this project. While the Legislature has voiced concerns of funding the project in this manner, there exists wide support for the project concept and need *The City of Ketchikan respectfully requests continued support for the Ketchikan Youth Detention / Diagnostic and Treatment Center along with necessary appropriations in this years State budget to fund the construction.*