

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, () 1997-1998

To: House Finance Secretary
Re: Made In Alaska Program
March 21st., 1997

I urge you to support a full \$50K in General Funds Appropriations to the Made In Alaska Program.

MIA represents an "Honest Face" in retail sales and is very appealing to the tourist trade. MIA connects and promotes the many faceted talents that abound in Alaska. It is one more thing that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

Candus Mowery
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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION SHEET

DATE: 3-21-97

TO: House Finance Committee

COMPANY: Alaska Legislature

FAX NUMBER: 465-2278

FROM: Francis Grafft, Tok

FAX NUMBER: (907) 883-5245 Tom Dean, Tok

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MESSAGE: Letter Ref. Tourism

Letter Ref. Wolf Project

Francis Grafft
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March 21, 1997

Alaska State Legislature
House Finance Committee

I am currently a laundry worker for the Westmark Tah. It is only open in the summer, for the tourist. I work very hard all summer long and make just barely enough to get by. Mainly because all my bills from the winter is paid in the summer. After all the bills are paid, there is not much left. Is this what tourist jobs is all about?

Yes, the owners of these hotels, gas stations and R.V. Parks make all the money and still claim they can't pay their workers a whole lot. You see them build nice houses and drive nice cars, it's no wonder they are all for tourism. We have a few like them here in Tah.

My point is that you can not expect us to keep working for such low pay and then barely make it through the winter because the tourist are gone along with the work. We need some real jobs. At my job, I hear a lot of tourist complaining of high prices and not coming again, even when I go to the local grocery store. They are generally not happy with what they are getting and especially the high prices. What happens when there are no more tourist, what about my job?

I am for elimination of the Division of Tourism and cutting the budget of the Alaska Tourism Market. The state needs to work on providing some real jobs with decent incomes and not spend so much on promoting tourism. My life can't depend on this seasonal job forever.

Sincerely;

Francis Grafft.
Francis Grafft

Tom Dean, Box 742, Tok, Ak. 99780, Ph. 883-4737, March 21, 1997

Senator Bert Sharp
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Senator Sharp:

This letter is to urge you to oppose the funding, by the Legislature, the proposed wolf sterilation project amongst the 40-Mile caribou herd.

My family are hunters, nearly all of the meat we eat is wild game. I am in favor of fewer wolves and more caribou. I am apposed to this program for two reasons.

#1. This program was sold out, by the biologist involved, to the animal rights people and antihunters.

In local meetings on the plan, the people of Tok were strongly apposed to certain parts of the plan, yet our objections made no difference in the final proposal.

The hunting quota has been cut to 1/3 of the previous limit although the biologist's own research showed that hunting had no significant bearing on herd size.

#2. The cost, \$800,000. For an experimental program that might not even work and no real consequences if it does or not. The state is supposed to be short of money.

I am the Chief of Tok Area EMS, the ambulance service for the upper Tananna Valley, more than 20,000 square miles.

Emergency services in Alaska are in trouble. There are not enough troopers and dispatchers. Fire Departments and EMS services are down grading and disappearing.

State funding for EMS support, such as Interior Region EMSC, has stayed flat or decreased for several years making their ability to help us less and less.

State funding for EMS capital equipment has been nothing for 3 or 4 years.

Let's get our priorities in order, people first. Adequate emergency services should be a priority at all levels of government.

There is a private bounty program in effect for wolf control in the 40-Mile area, it does seem to be working and it costs the state nothing. Let it work.

Sincerely,



Tom Dean

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ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES SKAL CLUBS

NORTH AMERICAN SKAL COUNCIL
SKAL CLUB OF ANCHORAGE NO. 289
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March 21, 1997

FAX TO: All Legislators

FROM: SKAL club of Anchorage
Raymond F. Petersen
President

RE: Proposed budget for Tourism

Dear Legislator,

The SKAL Club of Anchorage is a member of the International Association of SKAL clubs, an international organization of tourism professionals.

At our monthly meeting last night it was unanimously resolved that:

1. We are opposed to any cuts in the tourism budget.
2. It is our feeling that it is irresponsible to cut state funding that promotes the only major growth industry in the state, and the industry with the most potential for growth.
3. We know that, small tourism businesses in particular depend on the marketing programs provided by the Alaska Visitors Assn.
4. This proposal will cost Alaska jobs. Jobs that will go to other tourism destinations with which we compete. Alaska tourism companies do not compete with each other so much as they compete with other tourism destinations.

Our member list is following. This was a unanimous resolution.

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Budget
committee name

committee on # 75, dated _____
bill/subject

Operating Budget

Signed: Aime Dewell
Testifier

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Alaska spends less on post-secondary vocational education than almost any state in the union, yet a significant percentage of Alaskan jobs require those skills. The result is that too often industry hires skilled workers from outside to fill local jobs and kids go outside to find the jobs for which they have been educated. In looking for ways to cut the overall budget, is the legislature being swayed by academic learning institutes who want to prepare ALL students for college and who want to see more support for academic institutes than for vocational/technical institutes? If you cut out the ability for AVTEC to collect revenues, then the UNOCAL program - a model example of being responsive to industry needs - and all others like it would be killed. Industries could no longer contract directly with the school. Programs could no longer be tailored to industry needs. The school could no longer gauge the needs of the community and provide the programs needed at any given time. The school could not respond quickly to changing business or industry needs. On the other hand, cutting the general fund instead is no answer either. In order to meet current training needs of business and industry, the school must be in a position to provide up-to-date instruction on modern equipment. Neither is turning academic institutes into for-profit organizations an answer. While it is appropriate and lucrative to have business and industry share the cost for site-specific programs, overall basic education is the responsibility of the state. The idea is to make education more responsive to the needs of the real people and real jobs in this state. It can't happen without proper funding and proper support. Thanks for your help.

Anne Newell
PO Box 4235
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
 committee name
 committee on State Parks Budget, dated 3/21/97
 bill/subject

I strongly oppose the House Finance Committee's proposed cut of \$183.9 for State Parks FY 98.

Alaska ranks Number 1 in park acreage, 49th in staff. Millions of dollars, both state and Federal, have been invested in Park facilities. It is very short-sighted to allow these sites to deteriorate for lack of staff.

Alaskans of all ages enjoy their Parks and willingly pay reasonable fees but resent reduced "services" and closures.

Please reconsider this budget cut.

Thank you —

Signed: Marlys E. Tedin Marlys E. Tedin
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on Alaska State Parks, dated March 21, 1997
bill/subject Budget

Signed: Dorothy Thomson
Testifier

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House Finance
Chairman Hanley

I strongly object to the
proposed cuts for State Parks
Budget.

Sitka's State Parks are a
vital part of our recreation
The City's finances are
limited, I cannot perceive
them taking over the Parks
System.

Please consider Sitka's
plight when passing the
budget.

Dorothy Thomson
Citizen



Mrs. Dorothy Thomson
3505 Halibut Point R.
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cc. Representative Ben Grossbardoff
Senator Robert Taylor

3-20-97
TO: HFIN members

Tom Dean
Box 742
Tok, Ak. 99780
March 20, 1997

Alaska State Legislature
House Finance Committee

I am Chief of Tok Area EMS, the ambulance service for the Tok area.

I am in favor of the elimination of the Division of Tourism and cutting the budget of the Alaska Tourism Market. I feel that the state should stop promoting tourism for the following reasons.

Tourism does not produce a real value product. Tourist money is second hand money that depends on high value jobs. All jobs depend on real products. When there are no more jobs there will be no more tourist.

Tourism hinders the development and continuation of real product production; ie. oil, timber, fishing and mining.

Tourism has hindered the management of our wildlife, ie. wolf control.

Tourism does produce a lot of jobs, but for the most part they are short season and low paying that pale in comparison to the jobs that the production of real products make.

Tourism puts a heavy strain on our highways.


Tourism overloads our emergency services. There are not enough Troopers and Dispatchers. Rural ambulance services and clinics get extremely overworked with clinics not big enough to handle the volume. Volunteer services become their busiest when they have the fewest available members. Many tourist are older people on medicare and emergency medical services lose money on every medicare patient they help.

I do not believe the tourist industry is paying its way in Alaska.

If the State does not have the money to provide adequate emergency services then it should not be promoting an industry that increases the need.

Lets put Alaska back to work producing real products.

Sincerely,


Tom Dean

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Ketchikan Visitors Bureau
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March 20, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley
Representative Gene Therriault, Co-Chairs
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol-Mail Stop 3100
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Hanley, Representative Therriault and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the 163 members of the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau to indicate our distress over the House Finance Subcommittee's proposed cuts to the Alaska Division of Tourism. It is our belief that the committee's recommendations amount to the abolishment of tourism marketing, through cuts being considered for both the DoT and the ATMC.

On a local level, industry contributes conservatively, one third of our total budget for KVB programs. ATMC funding is also based on industry contributions. I would hope that in this time of shrinking state revenues, legislators would reward this type of public-private partnership with continuing support as an example of how best to maximize state funds.

Our area already faces economic devastation due to the loss of timber industry related jobs. While tourism will not replace what was lost, it certainly has been seen as an industry that will help us bridge the gap. We rely heavily on the state's marketing and promotion to attract potential visitors to the state. The methods used to get the Alaska State Vacation Planner into the hands of visitors ultimately results in getting the Ketchikan area guide to those visitors as well. Without support for marketing our product, the Ketchikan area and the outlying communities in the southern southeast region will continue to lose ground in our efforts to compete with other destinations who receive public support for promotion of their tourism industry.

I recognize the effort put forth by our legislators to produce a balanced budget, but I urge you to consider the chain reaction that eliminating the state's tourism marketing will create for our membership and the vast majority of small businesses which make up this state's visitor industry. Please reconsider the recommendations of the House Finance Subcommittee for Commerce and Economic Development and act to maintain funding for these programs.

Sincerely,

Patti Mackey
Executive Director

cc: House Finance Committee Members
Senator Robin Taylor
Representative Bill Williams
Senator Jerry Mackie

Representative Albert Kookesh
Alaska Visitors Association
Ketchikan Chapter-AVA
Ketchikan Visitors Bureau Board of Directors



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
committee name

committee on # 76, dated March 22, 1997.
bill/subject

Please reconsider the proposed cuts in House Bill # 76. I would like to advocate for services (medicaid) to children. The children of our state are the silent majority because they don't have the right to vote. Alaska leads the nation in major categories that we want to get rid of i.e., suicide, substance abuse, rape etc.. Our children are our future, they will be governing our state when we are elderly. We are obligated by our very nature to ensure our children's future.

Signed: HOWARD HINDON
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H Finance
 committee name
 committee on Budget Cuts, dated 3/22/97
 bill/subject

I do not agree with the budget cuts
 to dis ban the science & Tech Center -
 Alaskan's one education. Keep the science
 and Tech Center

Signed: Don Patterson
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the 20th Legislature
 committee name
 committee on House Bill 74, dated 3-22-97
 bill/subject

I am against this action because it punishes innocent victims and their families for a illness they are not able to control without support and assistance

Just being a mother with severe depression not being able to have access to medication and physio social services

What ~~are~~ about the children that will be victims of suffering that is so terrible the parent wishes they would die.

Signed: Teresa M Kalsbeek
 Testifier
Lisa Bues
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Rules Funding
committee name

committee on 76-Mental Health dated 1-16-97
bill/subject

I work as an Activity Therapist for Life Quest Community Mental Health Services in the Mat-Su Valley. I assist those on welfare with mental illnesses & children to go to work and build skills to be self-sufficient.

I emphasize that 'going to work' is of personal benefit to themselves as well as to those they love. There are many steps involved in people developing the abilities to be a productive citizen. Education, supportive services, and emotional development assistance ~~is needed~~ are necessary steps. Otherwise, painful, damaging, & expensive consequences will follow. Hospitalization, homelessness, starvation, violent crimes - decrease in the quality of life for everyone.

Signed: Cynthia Boies
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the _____ committee name
 committee on Medicaid cuts dated 3/22/97
 bill/subject

I believe these cuts will effect, many more than you could ever understand. I can't begin to explain how all the services have helped me from OVR, case management, medical, (med management). I'm able to improve my life because of these services, I'm working, raising a daughter alone, controlling my mental illness with therapy... Please reconsider these cuts. The cost of hospitalization is far greater (example \$1700⁰⁰ a day for Charter North. **I NEED THESE SERVICES!**)

Sig: Jeffrey Murphy
 Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the cross winds club house
committee name

committee on _____, dated _____
bill/subject

We have been doing many things in our clubhouse and have been to many places. we also grow many vegetables and flowers and we like to keep doing so. I am proud of this and hope for more funds

Signed: _____

Testifier

Thomas Forstner

Representing (Optional)

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Palmer AK

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Mr. Vic Kehring

I am one of the client of Life

Quest. I need the support of Life Quest

Staff. With out the support of Life

Quest I would be in the Hospital. I need

medication, staff to help me to go shopping

for food and to take me to my doctors

appointments. The funds I get pays for my

rent, bills. With out Medicaid I wouldnt

be able to pay for my ~~med~~ medication.

Please dont cut mental health services,

because I need The support I get from

Them.

Kenna & Adam

a/o. Life Quest

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Wasilla, AK 99654

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
committee name

committee on House Bill # 76 , dated March 22, 1997
bill/subject

To cut the budget for community mental health will result in the State spending far more money on the hospitalization of the mentally ill in our communities since the supports that keep them doing well in the community will not be there. There will also be an increase in homelessness and incarceration of community members who no longer have the support of mental health workers who help them remain stable in their lives.

The local community mental health agency also works with clients to help them to become ready for employment through therapy, support, and coordination of services with other community agencies without this help many people will not become the working taxpayers which they are capable of becoming.

Without good dental care and needed glasses our clients will find it difficult to be hired for employment.

I know people who drive but can't see well due to needing glasses, I also know people with poor nutrition resulting in increased medical costs because of poor dental care.

Supporting community mental health makes good fiscal sense

Signed: Phyllis K. ...
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee name
 committee on budget, dated 3-22-97
 bill/subject

I do not want any of the Mental Health in the valley being cut. I came to the Valley because I heard Life Quest was one of the best help I could get. I and a bunch of people need these kind of assistance. If I didnt have these benefits I feel my illness would get worse. If these cuts were done I think I would lose a lot in my life. please dont do these cuts I appreciate the help I can get in the Valley and wouldn't want to stay in a Mental Institution. I like my freedom and like interacting with the public. I also feel better about myself.

Signed: _____

Testifier

Tony Gilbertie

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Alaska State Legislature

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 committee name
 committee on Budget, dated 3-22-97
 bill/subject

I don't think they should cut Social Security. If I didn't have these benefits I feel like I would be on the streets. And half of us would not survive. There is many problems we can not solve on our own, Having Life Quest housing we can get our help from them. Also social security pays for our rent so I reject cutting Social Security. Clubhouse is a place for people who have illnesses and are able to do more there than home. If you take Clubhouse where would people go to be safe and have a place to do more than staying at home.

Signed: _____
 Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on HES, dated 3/22/97
bill/subject

I have Manic Depression with other mental disorders. I've been receiving quality services from Life Trust since I was diagnosed. Because of these services I have been able to remain a productive member of the communities of Palmer and Wasilla.

I am not receiving government assistance but I see daily how essential government financial services are to many of my close friends. These are people who truly need the services they receive. Cuts in these services translate into homelessness, increased symptoms suicide, hospitalization, crime and substance abuse. These problems will cost our community in the long run and immediately. Thank you for hearing us and please carefully consider

Signed: Christine K Schorr

Testifier

Christine K Schorr

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what we have to say

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Adopted: 04/10/97

RESOLUTION NO. 97-036

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AT LEAST LEVEL FUNDING
FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska is facing a major reduction in funding in the fiscal year 1997-98 proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the University budget has been cut successively for 10 years with a cumulative cut of 30 percent while enrollment has increased by 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Governor proposed a \$530,000 reduction in university funding. The House approved version of the budget proposes a \$2.7 million cut and the Senate has indicated a reduction of \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska's statewide operational costs have increased nearly \$10 million for items such as unfunded salary increases, higher coal prices and increased maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the university's reputation for excellence in scientific research has continued to grow bringing more than \$46 million of federal grant funds into Alaska in 1996, an increase of 33 % in five years. While this grant funding has increased, it represents new and additional work and therefore has increased the need for State infrastructure support rather than offsetting budget cuts as some legislators have argued; and

WHEREAS, the university's main Fairbanks campus would directly absorb about half of any cuts or cost increases. Since Fairbanks is the center of most of the university's research, the indirect impacts may be even greater; and

WHEREAS, in Fairbanks, the University of Alaska contributes greatly to the local economy by providing a modern university which attracts students; a research facility which attracts persons from throughout the world who come to the campus for various research projects; business which uses the University for research projects, students for interns, and produces products because of the proximity of the University and its scientists; and by contributing to the economy through the payroll of University employees; and

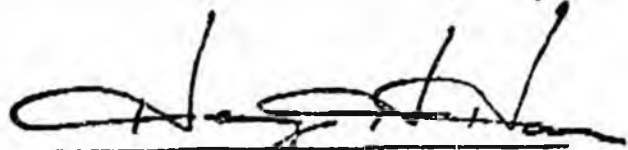
WHEREAS, without the needed funds to properly operate the University, students will be less likely to be attracted to attend the University of Alaska, the University will fail to attract quality professors and research scientists, government officials from both the United States and other nations will be less likely to utilize the services of the university, and the quality of education, in Alaska, will deteriorate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly strongly urges funding for the University of Alaska be at least the same level as last year, recognizing that last years funding will still not address the additional expenses facing the university this year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislators of the State of Alaska recognize the need for a quality university system to encourage Alaska students to attend post secondary education in Alaska, attract noted professors and scientists from throughout the world, and to attract businesses both doing research and commerce with the University of Alaska.

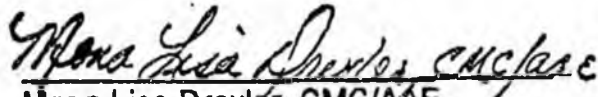
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor, State of Alaska; the Honorable Drue Pearce and the Honorable Bert Sharp, Co-Chairs of the Senate Finance Committee; the Honorable Gene Therriault and the Honorable Mark Hanley, Co-Chairs, House Finance Committee; and all members of the Interior Delegation.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 1997.



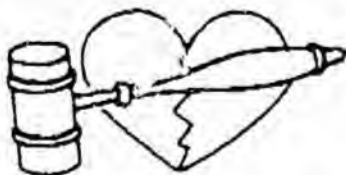
Henry "Hank" Hove
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Mona Lisa Drexler, CMCIAAE
Municipal Borough Clerk

Ayes: Bartos, Sattley, Quakenbush, Sonafrank, Parr, Kilgore, Webb, St. John,
LaSoia and Hove
Noes: McBride

VICTIMS

for Justice 619 East Fifth Avenue • Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 278-0977 • Fax: (907) 258-0740

April 14, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley, Co-Chair Finance Committee
House of Representative
State Capitol Room 507
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hanley:

Victims for Justice is grateful for the \$25,000 legislative appropriation we received from the Nineteenth Alaska State Legislature. It is our sincere hope the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature will *continue* to demonstrate your commitment to helping victims of *other* violent crime by appropriating \$50,000 to Victims for Justice for FY 1998.

Victims of other violent crimes include the women, children and men who are surviving family members and friends of homicide victims, as well as those who have been physically and emotionally assaulted by violent crime (felony assault, DWI's, robbery, and burglary).

Today, Victims for Justice remains the only organization in the State of Alaska that provides support to victims of *other* violent crime. During 1996, Victims for Justice provided direct victim services to over 1400 individuals through: crisis intervention; specialized grief counseling; advocacy and support throughout the criminal justice system; and through community education and prevention.

- Crisis intervention to 135 new clients.
- Individual and peer group specialized grief counseling to 231 total clients (644 hours).
- Advocacy and support throughout the criminal justice system to 421 total clients (491 hours).
- Community education and prevention to 46 speaking engagements reaching over 1300 individuals and information and referral to over 700 total clients.

This level of service, as well as the competing demands of the operational and fundraising efforts are provided by a small three person staff. During FY 1996 over \$6MM in crime victims funds passed through the Department of Public Safety, yet Victims for Justice received only \$32,700, less than 1%! During FY 1997 the only stable funding Victims for Justice will receive is:

CDVSA	\$33,250
Legislative Appropriation	\$25,000
HSMG	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$73,280

It is our sincere hope the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature can provide to Victims for Justice for FY 1998 the \$50,000 in financial support needed to ensure the State of Alaska is responsive to the needs of *all* victims of violent crime, not only the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The victims of *other* violent crimes, *survivors of homicide victims and physical assault*, deserve to be recognized and provided with victim services by the state.

Sincerely,

Janice Lienhart
Janice Lienhart
Executive Director

Providing services to survivors of homicide victims and physical assault

Distributed by Request, Rep. Mark Hanley

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DAVIES
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April 9, 1997 No. pages: 2 Time transmitted: 8AM - APR 15 1997
FAX TO: Alaska State Legislature, House and Senate Finance Committees
FAX NO. 465-3757 House Finance Committee - please distribute to all
Committee members
FAX NO. 465-3753 Senate Finance Committee - please distribute to all
Committee members

FROM: Celia M. Hunter - FAX NO. 479-4310 Fairbanks, Alaska
(1819 Muskox Trail, Fairbanks, AK 99709-6626)

RE: Maintaining funding for public broadcasting, both radio and TV

My appreciation of public broadcasting began in the 60s, when the first FM station began broadcast NPR programs over KUAC FM from the UAF. FM was followed by Public Broadcasting System TV programming in the early 1970s. The high quality of offerings in both mediums was a welcome addition both in the field of news and of entertainment. They have continued to fill a really essential role in my home ever since, and in thousands of homes throughout Alaska. The popular support of public broadcasting is demonstrated over and over again in the fundraising drives, which consistently meet their goals.

However successful such fundraising endeavors are, they aren't sufficient to keep public broadcasting on the air. The crisis of a couple of years ago, when the Legislature demanded consolidation and streamlining of facilities and operations was met by the management and staffs of both TV and Radio in a way which optimized available high tech equipment, and cut expenses as requested. Alaska One and Alaska Community Radio are the result of those changes. The expansion of coverage to rural Alaska has added many hundreds of "bush" households to the networks served by public broadcasting. The present set-up is efficient and cost-effective.

But additional cuts threaten to disrupt this excellent system. The niche filled by Public Broadcasting benefits the people of Alaska from many walks of life. Professional people contemplating accepting employment often ask about the availability of public broadcasting as one of their criteria for choosing to accept work in a particular community. They appreciate the excellent children's programs available on public radio and TV, which are

entertaining and educational, and a welcome relief from the violence often portrayed in commercial programming.

I served on the Citizen Advisory Committee for KUAC FM and TV up until a few years ago, and this group of volunteers gave many hours of their time to supporting public broadcasting, helping to maintain its high quality and presentation of all sides of controversial issues important to our community. One of my fellow volunteers was June Weinstock, who later was the victim of mob violence in Guatemala, which left her severely handicapped. However, June's mind is still functioning, even though she's not able to speak clearly, and she continues to enjoy listening to KUAC FM and its wide array of excellent news broadcasts.

The loyalty of so many thousands of Alaskans speaks well for the importance of public broadcasting in their lives. The relatively minor expenditures required to keep Alaska One and Alaska Community Radio providing their essential services to educate, entertain, and link the citizens of this state in a close-knit fellowship by means of top quality programming is one of the most worthwhile expenditures of public monies you folks can authorize.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in behalf of public broadcasting.

Signed *Celia M. Hunter*

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DAVIES

FAX Messages to both House and Senate Finance Committees of Alaska
State Legislature

TO: House Finance Committee: FAX No. 465-3757
(Please distribute to all Finance Committee members.)

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TO: Senate Finance Committee FAX No. 465-3753
(Please distribute to all Finance Committee members)

APR 15 1997

From: Ginny Hill Wood, 1819 Muskox Trail, Fairbanks, AK 99709
Phone: 479-2754

DATE: April 9, 1997 No. Pages: 2 Time sent: *8AM*

RE: Support for Public Radio and Public TV

I have contributed annually to KUAC FM and TV more money than I have to any other non-profits that I support. That many other Alaskans share my high regard for public broadcasting is proven by the fact that taken altogether, Alaskans contribute more per capita to this amenity in their lives than the citizens of any other states in the USA. We aren't begging for something for nothing.

They support it because of the quality of the programming and the broad spectrum of information, entertainment, and education they receive sans the insipid, intrusive advertisements that interrupts commercial stations, attempting to beguile the listener or the viewer to buy stuff they don't need and can't afford. I can't afford cable TV, and, at this stage of my life, never will.

The folks who put together the programs and run the KUAC station have shown they can do more with less, actually improving their programming by their ingenuity in reorganizing and grouping Juneau, Bethel, and Fairbanks TV into Alaska One, in accordance with cuts by the previous Legislature. They should be rewarded, not penalized, for their thriftiness and resourcefulness. Alaska One has brought the "bush" villages into the Alaska Community, and is tapping their talents for many of their productions - all on a do-it-yourself volunteer basis.

If the Legislature can find funding to raise your own expense accounts and to fund Arctic Power and trans-national oil company's efforts to open the

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling — a “dead horse” in Washington, D.C. this year — you surely can find the money to continue public broadcasting, a non-partisan, widely acclaimed communication media for Alaska.

Signed..... *Conny Hie Wood*

(A 50-year resident of Alaska)

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

April 15, 1997

To: Honorable Representative Mark Hanley
Alaska State Legislature
465-2418

From: William A. Maloney, City Clerk
City of Kodiak
voice: 907-486-8636
fax: 486-8600

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Pages: 3, including this cover sheet

The Kodiak City Council adopted the following resolution at its regular April 10 meeting. Resolution Number 11-97 urges the Legislature to fully fund the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities in the coming year's budget.

Please include this resolution with the information that will be considered in deciding this budget issue.

Thank you.

**CITY OF KODIAK
RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-97**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KODIAK SUPPORTING FULL BUDGET FUNDING FOR THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature has been presented with a proposal to reduce the FY98 budget of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT/PF) by nearly twelve million dollars and to eliminate the manager and staff of the Alaska Marine Highway System; and

WHEREAS this proposed budget reduction would reduce the ability of DOT/PF to obligate available and future Federal funds for needed projects throughout the state; and

WHEREAS the proposed cuts would place in jeopardy approximately \$200,000,000 in Federal highway funds and approximately \$60,000,000 in FAA funding for aviation facilities in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the proposed reduction would affect current-fiscal-year projects by cutting funding for seasonal staff beyond July 1 for federally funded construction projects, which funding would revert to the Federal government to be reallocated to states which would have the ability to obligate the funds by October 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) employs some nine hundred employees and an annual operating budget of approximately \$100,000,000; and

WHEREAS the proposal to make the AMHS Manager's position an additional duty of a Deputy Commissioner of DOT/PF is impractical, as current workloads would not allow a Deputy Commissioner to devote more than 25% of her or his time to the ferry system, which is not sufficient oversight for a system of this size and complexity; and

WHEREAS the proposed cuts would result in declining revenues from the AMHS public, slower procurement and resupply of vessels, delays in crewing, slower payroll response, lack of community participation in schedule development, and other harms to the service quality; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Marine Highway serves as a vital link among the many maritime communities of Alaska; and

WHEREAS both the road system and the AMHS provide the transportation network crucial to the economic well-being of the entire State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS these proposed reductions would effect relatively small savings to the state in comparison with the losses they would entail, and are therefore not in the best interest of the people of the State of Alaska,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kodiak, Alaska, that the Alaska State Legislature carefully review the impacts of the proposed budget reductions and maintain funding for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities at approximately the current level.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of April, 1997.

CITY OF KODIAK

Carolyn L. Floyd
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jillian A. Maloney
CITY CLERK

APRIL 10, 1997

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APR 15 1997

REP. MARK HANLEY,

THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IS A MAJOR EMPLOYER DURING OUR SHORT SUMMER. IT PROVIDES MANY JOBS FOR THE STUDENTS WHO DEPEND ON ~~THE~~ THE INCOME FOR THEIR EDUCATION.

MANY SMALL BUSINESSES DEPEND ON THE TOURIST FOR THEIR INCOME. THE TOURIST DOLLAR PAYS FOR THE FOOD ON THEIR TABLE, FOR THE MORTGAGE ON THEIR HOUSE, AND THE CLOTHES ON THEIR BACK.

THE TOURISM MARKET MUST BE SUPPORTED TO ASSURE THESE PEOPLE CAN STAY IN ALASKA WITH THEIR FAMILIES. PLEASE CAREFULLY WEIGH ANY DECISION THAT IS MADE ON THE TOURISM BUDGET.

PAUL FISANDHOKER
2321 BRANCHE DR
ANCHORAGE AK 99518

April 10, 1997

12315 Wilderness Road
Anchorage, Alaska
99516

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APR 15 1997

Dear Mark Rowley:

I believe the proposed cuts in Tourism are not in line with the will of the people who are making a living from the States most promising renewable resource industry.

While the red faced pits Alaskans against each other while accomplishing the overall need to reduce State spending, you should seek a long range solution. The lack of a state strategic plan which lays out the next 10-20 years, is vitally needed and the reason we may be here in Shortfall.

Love the marketing council —

Don Follow

NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH

P.O. BOX 1110

KOTZEBUE, AK 99752

(907) 442-2500 / FAX 442-2930

April 4, 1997

Mark Hanley, Co-Chair
Gene Therriault, Co-Chair
State House Finance Committee
Mail Stop 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Messrs. Hanley and Therriault:

On behalf of the Northwest Arctic Borough, and the eleven communities within our boundaries, we ask you to fully support maintenance funding for the University of Alaska.

Based on the level of funds appropriated last year, we ask for your consideration and passage for the same amount during the next fiscal year.

Higher education is important to our residents, and to further erode the gains and access that have been made available to rural populations who have this need for education opportunities is being "pound" foolish.

If there is one avenue of hope into the future that is equally available to all residents throughout the state, it is the opportunity to get an education at the institutions that we can continue to have access to. To further reduce the funding of the university budget is to deny our residents the opportunity to participate and secure long term success by having an education system that doesn't become remote or non-existent in the rural areas.

Letter to House Finance Committee
Page Two
April 4, 1997

I would hope that you see this simple request as your moral guidance to keep education funded at levels adequate for us to participate in from our regional perspective. We cannot expect to become more self-sufficient if we are to be denied funds for an education system if you continue to cut back funding levels. In recent years they have been devastating on a cumulative basis.

Please continue to fund the university system, and restore the proposed \$2.5 million cutback.

Respectfully submitted


Chuck Greene, Mayor

April 9, 1997

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Representative Hanley - APR 14 1997

My husband and I are members of the Anchorage Convention + Visitors Bureau, and small business owners for for the last four years. It's been a struggle, as most small business starts are, but it appears as though the legislature is preparing to put us and hundreds of other small business operators out of business.

As I see it, oil is number one in the State, but declining. Fishing is number two, but the market has a glut and the prices continue to fall. The number three is tourism and we believe, the REAL future of Alaska. If Alaskans want to start a small business, it won't be in oil or fish, as much as it will be in Tourism.

If these budget cuts are adopted, hundreds of present owners will be out of business, and hundreds more will never have an "opportunity" to start. Take care of Alaskans first! Stop "politicizing" in the marketing of this State and let the experts in the industry determine how we will grow.

We need your help, please!

Thank you,

Jane + Bill Korpuleon
The Honey Bears
6520 DeArman Rd
Anchorage, AK 99516

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**Alaska
Wilderness
Recreation &
Tourism
Association**

**P.O. Box 22827
Juneau, AK 99802
Phone (907) 463-3038
Fax (907) 463.3280
E mail awrta@alaska.net**

April 14, 1997

TO: Sen. Bert Sharp FAX: 465-2070
Sen. Drue Pearcc FAX: 465-3872
Rep. Mark Hanley FAX: 465-2418
Rep. Gene Therriault FAX: 465-3884

The Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association is comprised of over 300 members, the majority of which are activity-oriented tourism businesses that depend on Alaska's wild places for their operations. Our primary goal is to advocate for the protection of Alaska's wildland resources for use by tourism businesses and recreational users, but AWRTA also addresses marketing, legislative and permitting issues that affect our members.

I am writing to express AWRTA member's support for the House version of the Fish and Game budget. Maintaining adequate funding for watchable wildlife programs in the state is critical to our segment of the tourism industry. In a recent market survey done for the Alaska Tourism Marketing Council, 33% of "high potential" prospective visitors to Alaska mentioned wildlife as one of the first things that comes to mind when asked about our state. Our members depend on the interpretative and educational materials generated by the Department of Fish and Game's wildlife conservation department. The Wildlife Viewing Guide published as a partnership between a number state agencies and non profit organizations is distributed directly by the Division of Tourism, tourism businesses and tourism trade associations to visitors who request information in wildlife viewing in Alaska. This material is generated through the efforts of the Wildlife Conservation Team at the Department of Fish and Game. In addition, keeping staff positions intact for the Teaming with Wildlife campaign will help keep the momentum toward helping Watchable wildlife programs become self sufficient.

I urge you to maintain the level of funding so that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game may continue their valuable services to the visitors to Alaska and the tourism businesses who depend on their materials.

Feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely

Ellen Maling
Projects Coordinator

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Dear Rep. Mark Hanley

I am writing you to express my opposition regarding proposed budget cut to the Education & Training Grant and the Day Care Assistance Program.

The Education and Training Grant enabled the staff at our daycare center in Sitka Alaska to attend some exceptional childcare trainings which have directly benefitted the care of our 20 month old daughter. We would like this to continue, and thank you for your support of this grant in the past.

The DCAP, while not directly assisting us, has helped numerous others receive help in paying for daycare so they can return to employment. Personally, it has benefitted one of my co-workers who also brings her toddler to the SEARHC daycare center. We would hate to see the elimination of this helpful program.

Again, thanks for your past support. I do hope you will seriously consider our request and avoid these cuts in the legislature budget.

Sincerely,

Tony Swan and Janette A. Hutchinsford

301 Moller Avenue

SITKA AK 99835

907/747-5379



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

April 10, 1997

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Representative Mark Hanley
Alaska State Legislature
Co-Chair Finance Committee
Room 507, State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hanley:

On April 08, 1997, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly adopted Resolution 97-026: "A Resolution Supporting Funding of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program."

The Mayor and Assembly have requested that you receive a copy of this resolution.

Respectfully yours,

Shirley Olsen
Deputy Borough Clerk

/rh

Enclosure as noted

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 4/8/97
Vote: Adopted
Action: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 97-026**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

- WHEREAS,** certain legislators have proposed to reduce, or eliminate, the budget for the Alaska Department of Conservation (ADEC) Solid Waste Program; and
- WHEREAS,** any reduction in funding to the ADEC Solid Waste Program would affect fundamental protection of human health and the environment for all residents of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed reduction will have significant short and long term financial and environmental impacts to our Borough and all sectors of the state population; and
- WHEREAS,** this proposed cut will merely transfer costs from the state to local governments; and
- WHEREAS,** the ADEC Solid Waste Program is in the process of receiving solid waste program approval from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and
- WHEREAS,** EPA allows additional flexibility for management of solid waste only in states with approved solid waste programs; and
- WHEREAS,** with the absence of a fully funded state solid waste management authority, Alaska will have to strictly comply with EPA regulations which do not allow for state specific flexibility; and
- WHEREAS,** without an acceptable state program that allows environmentally sound and timely management of solid waste in the Kenai Peninsula, open dumps are likely to proliferate as in the past;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

- SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough opposes any legislative effort to reduce or eliminate the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program.
- SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports maintaining an effective and credible state solid waste program capable of achieving program approval from the EPA.

10 April 1997

Representative
~~Senator~~ Mark Harley,

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Judith Evans
230 W. 10th, #5
Anchorage, AK.
99501

CORRECTION

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT(S)
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Rev. 6/98

Central Microfilm Services
Department of Education
State of Alaska

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 4/8/97
Vote: Adopted
Action: Unanimous

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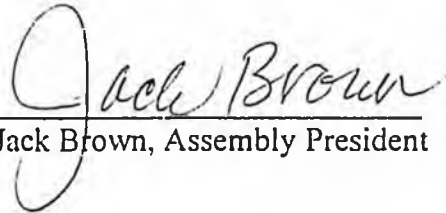
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SECTION 3. That this Resolution be effective immediately upon enactment.

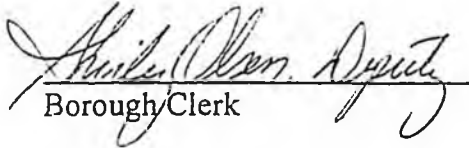
SECTION 4. That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to Kenai Peninsula Borough legislators, Co-chairs of the House and Senate Finance Committees, and Governor Tony Knowles.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 1997.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Shirley Olson, Deputy
Borough Clerk

10 April 1997

Representative
~~Senator~~ Mark Harley,

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Yvonne Evans
230 W. 10th, #5
Anchorage, AK.
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APR 14 1997

Representative Mark Hanley
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

April 10, 1997

Dear Representative Hanley,

I am writing you as a private business owners operator as well as President of the Bed & Breakfast Association of Alaska, regarding proposed budgets in the Tourism Division.

These cuts will devastate our industry. The owners of B&B's are Alaska's foremost. They depend on the marketing of this division to sell Alaska & then they sell their business. The monies they collect stay here in Alaska.

We need a win win situation here. Only if the state supports tourism can we win also.

Please do not vote for these budget cuts.

Margo Morrow
Two Morrows Place B&B
1325 O Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
907-277-9939 fax 272-1899

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APR 14 1997

Paul Crowther
Compact RV Rentals
P.O. Box 91286
Anchorage Ak 99509

Representative Mark Healey
State Capitol
Juneau Ak 99801

Dear Mark

Please fund the Division of Tourism
and the Alaska Tourism Marketing Council
to the Governor's proposed budget

Image advertising ~~is~~ for Alaska is
extremely important. This advertising is what
produces the demand for the vacation planner.
The vacation planner is what makes my phone ring!

My phone calls have already dropped
off by about 30% from last year due to
the previous cuts in the ATMAC budget
in 1994. Further cuts in image advertising
would kill the visitor industry.

Please think about this

Thanks
Paul

Public Opinion Message

Sitka Legislative Information Office (LIO)
210 Lake Street, Sitka AK 99835 • Phone: 747-6276 Fax: 747-5807

This form MUST be completely filled out. You may phone, fax, or deliver your POM to any LIO.

From: Please PRINT the information below.

Ms, Mr., Mrs...	First name <i>Joni</i>	MI <i>J.</i>	Last name <i>SHCARER</i>	Jr., Sr., III...
Mailing address <i>3306 HPR #1 SITKA AK</i>				Zip code <i>99835</i>
Residence (street) address if different from mailing address				Zip code
Daytime telephone number <i>907-8758</i>		Group affiliation (if applicable)		Signature <i>Joni Shcarer</i>
				Date <i>4/11/97</i>

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Representative Mark Hanley
State Capitol Rm. 507
Juneau, Ak. 99801-1182

April 4, 1997

Dear Representative Hanley:

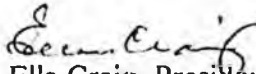
Older Persons Action Group, Inc. (OPAG) appreciated the opportunity to participate in a statewide teleconference March 23.

As individuals and representatives of organizations addressed their concerns, participants in the audience heard the concerns of their individuals and organizations. Several in the audience voiced hope that another teleconference would be scheduled.

Recognizing the myriad of issues addressed at the teleconference, a copy of OPAG's testimony is attached for your convenience.

Thank you for meeting with constituents.

Sincerely,


Ella Craig, President
Older Persons Action Group

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OPAG TESTIMONY AT TELECONFERENCE

Saturday, March 22, 1997

Older Persons Action Group, Inc. (OPAG) is an organization best known for publication of Senior Voice and we thank you for your on-going support of that publication.

Today, however, we wish to address another program : JOB TRAINING, PLACEMENT, AND EMPLOYMENT. For more than a decade OPAG has conducted Nurse Aide Training classes. Curriculum and program are approved by the Alaska Post secondary Commission. In addition to basic training of Nurse Aide skills, students learn proper hands-on techniques taught in a clinical setting, ways to communicate with patient and family, and other helpful information.

OPAG conducts this training throughout the state with funding from grants, job training, state training and employment assistance, scholarships and individuals.

Unfortunately, many persons eager to pursue careers as a nurse aide have small children and cannot afford child care or transportation. Some are responsible for the care of both children and a frail elderly parent.

OPAG encourages increased funding to cover costs of care for child or other dependents during the hours student is in class; reasonable costs incurred during job search, i.e. dental needs, eyeglasses etc.

Financial assistance during this crucial time will accomplish three goals:

1. Enable persons to enter the fastest growing industry in the state and nation.
2. Provide persons seeking in-home health care to access well trained and certified Nurse Aides for their loved ones.
3. Enable individuals not eligible to access quality care through private pay.

P.O.Box 20424
Juneau, AK 99802

April 11, 1997

Representative Mark S. Hanley
State Capitol, Room 507
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mark Hanley;

As one of your constituents, I am writing to ask for your support of Adult Basic Education programs around the state. I believe our 20 Adult Education programs will be utilized more and more heavily as welfare reform gathers momentum. Unfortunately, our funding has been cut in the last few years. In conjunction with the Alaska Adult Education Association, I would advocate an increase in funding of \$300,000.

I am fortunate to be a full time employee in this field, but most of the staff teaching for this important segment of our population are only part-time and have little training. We help students who have not succeeded in high school for a wide variety of reasons to get their GED. We also teach resume writing and offer vocational guidance to completers of our program in an effort to help our students become ready for the work place. With additional funding we could offer higher quality instruction and provide students access to current computer technology.

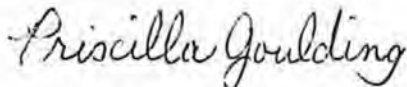
In Southeast we also serve the communities of Ketchikan, Kake, Angoon, Hoonah, Yakutat, Haines and Prince of Wales Island. With increased funding we would be able to serve these communities better with updated materials and technology. Our dedicated teachers in these areas would also have access to additional training.

At the present time 27% of Alaska's high school diplomas are GED's. Already, since the beginning of 1997, I have seen an increase in the number of students wanting to improve their skills either to earn a GED or to enter another training program. Some students who have high school diplomas already are finding that they need stronger skills in math and English to attend UAS. Others come to us as the timber industry dwindles, realizing they need a GED in order to apply to training for mining jobs, construction jobs or nurse's aides. In the field of adult education we see ourselves as helping to put Alaskans back to work.

Please consider this vital need for increased, rather than decreased funding for adult education. I would be happy to give you a tour of our Adult Ed. Center on 400 Willoughby Avenue, if you are interested. I look forward to hearing from you.

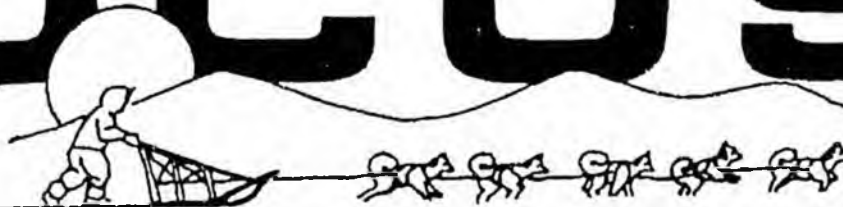
Enclosed is a fact sheet describing Adult Basic Education.

Sincerely,



Priscilla Goulding
Adult Education Coordinator
Southeast Regional Resource Center

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Alaska Adult Education Association

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1996 ALASKA ADULT EDUCATION FACT SHEET

More than 27% of Alaska's high school diplomas in 1995 were GEDs.

The number of high school early dropouts is higher this year than last.

Cost per student in Alaska public schools is nearly \$7,000 per year.

Each adult education student costs the State of Alaska less than \$300 for the entire year, with centers operating from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

There were 7,906 full time students in Alaska's Adult Basic Education programs last year.

There were over 500 persons on waiting lists to enter some of the larger adult education programs last year.

In the past eight years, Alaska Adult Education program participants have increased by 43% while the funding level has not increased at all. (Half of that increase has occurred in the past three years.)

Last year at least 763 Alaskans obtained jobs and 217 were removed from public assistance as a direct result of their increased education through Alaska's Adult Education programs. (These figures are derived through short term tracking only; long term tracking is not possible due to lack of funding.)

Adult Education programs prepare nearly 1,000 Alaskans each year to enter higher education or training programs.

With impending welfare reform, demand for Adult Basic Education programs statewide is likely to rise dramatically to prepare adults for job readiness.

One of the goals of "Goals 2000" is for a fully literate America by the year 2000. The U.S. currently ranks 49th in literacy among the 158 United Nations member nations.

Instruction in Alaska Adult Education programs was delivered by 148 teachers (most part time) and 550 unpaid volunteers in 1995.



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April 7, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 507 (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hanley:

I understand that the University of Alaska Anchorage budget will be up for consideration shortly. I am writing to urge you to consider fully funding UAA's operating and capitol budget requests and furthermore to support an expansion of the university's budget to enable them to better meet the needs of Alaskans. As a member of Commonwealth North's Board of Directors and a participant in the first Economic Summit, I am well aware of the obligation responsible Alaskans have to future generations to live within our budget. I am also aware of our need for a healthy economy, and strongly believe that an educated populace is the foundation on which a diverse economy can be built.

Because I work for a national organization I have opportunities to learn about things going on in other states that affect both the natural and economic environments. I have been impressed by the clear fact that those states which invest seriously in education, especially at the post-secondary level, are states with strong economies. Of particular interest to me are those states that have built diversified economies on a strong knowledge base, e.g., especially California, North Carolina, and Washington. We have extraordinary opportunities here in Alaska to develop high tech industries every bit as good as those in any of other state, but we will lose those opportunities if we don't make a significantly greater commitment to higher education. We will continue to export our "best and brightest" young Alaskans, and we certainly will never attract either students or faculty to support a Silicon Valley, a Research Triangle, or a single company like Microsoft which has spawned a vigorous high tech industry in Seattle, if we continue to dock our University's budget.

More personally, it was distressing to have both of my children choose to attend college Outside, and they did so because even at that time it was impossible to complete basic requirements in an expeditious manner because of too few faculty and therefore too few classes in those core skill areas. As a thirty-plus year Alaskan who cares deeply



April 11, 1997

BY FAX COMMUNICATION (2 PAGES) TO:

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The Hon. Druie Pearce, Senator State of Alaska	907-465-3872
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The Hon. Mark Hanley, Representative State of Alaska	907-465-2418
The Hon. Gene Pherriault, Representative State of Alaska	907-465-3684

RE: SEAFOOD AND SANITATION COMPONENT OF THE PROPOSED STATE OF ALASKA OPERATING BUDGET

Dear Senators Pearce and Sharp; Representatives Hanley and Pherriault

I am writing to express UniSea's support for the Seafood and Sanitation component of ADEC Health Division. I understand that the State of Alaska legislature is considering significant cuts to this component of the Operating Budget, and this is of grave concern to us.

Since 1974, UniSea has owned and operated multiple processing facilities throughout the State of Alaska, under the oversight, of course, of numerous State agencies. Of all the divisions within ADEC, the Seafood and Sanitation division is the one that benefits all Alaskans and industry the most. There can be no more important endeavor than assuring the high quality and safety of Alaskan seafood products. The consequences of a "hollow" ADEC Seafood and Sanitation division, by way of severe budget cuts, will very likely negatively impact the integrity of the industry and compromise the safety and quality of seafood products produced in Alaska and marketed worldwide. In addition, export trade could also very likely be hampered if the vital inspection services provided by ADEC are allowed to diminish in any way.

It would be an absolute mistake to decrease funding for this component in the proposed Operating Budget. Alaskans benefit in more ways than I can describe from being ranked "Number 1" in both volume and value of exported U.S. seafood products. The State of Alaska contains three out of four of the largest U.S. seafood landing port. It must also maintain its leadership status and good reputation as a world provider of safe, high quality seafood products. This can only be maintained by having a strong seafood and sanitation program, fully funded and prepared to help industry.



The Hon. Pearce, Sharp, Hanley, Pherriault
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Whether dealing with a large, year-round seafood processor or a small, "native-operated" seafood business, the Seafood division of ADEC has time and again demonstrated its commitment to helping industry produce safe and high quality products. As previously mentioned, I have found the Seafood division of ADEC to be the most helpful of all of the State agencies we have to deal with. They truly provide a *real service* to industry- not just "regulate". This is because our goals are so very similar- quality and safety. These important services- inspection, technical support, and assistance- simply cannot come from a division that cannot, because of budget cuts, maintain a high quality staff committed to the well-being of all Alaskans and industry.

To this end, I urge you to adopt an Operating Budget that maintains the current funding level of the Seafood and Sanitation component of the ADEC Health Division. The proposed House cut of \$82,500.00 to this component must be rejected wholly, and funding for this component restored to its current level by the Senate.

Sincerely,
UNISEA, INC.



Joe Frazier
Director of Quality Assurance

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Alaska Legislature
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Dear Budgeter,

Jerry Bingham of KOAC
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to provide funds for PBS
at previous levels + for us
to hold your feet to the fire.

I certainly don't want to
lose my PBS. It's the only
thing I've got + I think in the

only thing worth watching!

Regards,

A. W. Cranito ●

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Thank

Bob Cranston

March 31, 1997

Dear Legislator:

STOP! LOOK! AND LISTEN! PLEASE!

I am an eighteen year resident of this awesome State of Alaska and I am concerned. I have been a State employee since April 1979 and I am also a faithful voter and, generally, I am a conservative voter.

I do not know what the views of each and every legislator are so as you read this letter you will know if I am talking to you.

I am writing about the majority's adamant tone in regards to cutting the State budget. It seems that, since the decision was made to cut "X" amount of dollars from the State budget last session, an attitude of "we are going to cut the budget that much no matter what" is prevailing on the part of the majority leaders. I can agree that we need to look to the future and plan accordingly; and I know that there are certain areas in the State budget that can be trimmed. However, from what I see and hear in the news media and through other State channels, the predicted budget shortfall has not been as drastic as was originally thought. The main reason being the higher than predicted oil prices that we are now seeing. As a result, I believe that the majority needs to back off their stance and become more in line with current reality.

BEFORE you cut another dollar from the budget, you need to think again about who you are and who you represent. I keep hearing that everyone needs to tighten their belts in light of the shrinking budget. WHY then, do you think that you deserve \$150/day per diem?!? State government, as a whole, has been taking cuts for the past 10 years! Unfortunately, not always where the cuts should have been taken and, yes, there are still areas that need to be looked at. As a faithful, hardworking public servant, I am appalled and irate that you feel you need \$150/day per diem while, at the same time, you cut the employees per diem and failed to honor a contract negotiated in good faith! Now you are doing it again. As representatives of the people of this great State, YOU need to set the tone if you want to cut the budget. YOU need to repeal the \$50/day increase that YOU gave yourselves as you were cutting the compensation of those of us on the street serving the people you represent! YOU need to consider going to "actual cost" for lodging just as the employees of the States' largest union do in the interest of saving dollars.

Now two more bills attacking State employees have been introduced. HB 188 and SB 150 will further eradicate benefits earned by employees, particularly overtime and retirement benefits, and this will most seriously affect the seasonal employees, who make up the BACKBONE of the state workforce. We work overtime as required. It is not always "convenient" and most often interrupts family time. We do it because we are professionals and it is part of our job. Now these bills want to remove overtime from what is considered "compensation" for us. We work it and it

should most definitely be considered toward our three highest years for retirement! I feel it is a low down and two-faced move on the part of those who introduced it!

Budget cuts on the backs of State employees have gone far enough! The vast majority make their homes in Alaska year around. We have families who participate in the local communities and schools. We contribute to the local economies just like everyone else and when we keeping getting cut, the local communities also suffer as a result. I am asking you to vote down these absurd bills and quit trying to balance the budget on the backs of the employees!

A lot of us seasonal employees would rather work year around. However, due to funding, that is not always possible. We keep coming back because we take pride in what we do - serving the people of Alaska. In the Division of Forestry, where I am employed, the seasonal firefighters are highly trained professionals. We manage thousands of dollars on wildland fires and do so under extreme scrutiny. We are part of the state-wide emergency response system. We work with State, local and Federal cooperators to manage multi-risk incidents throughout the State. Our safety record over the last 20 years is impeccable! We are seriously understaffed in many of the geographic Areas. We are highly concerned that more cuts to our budgets will result in the loss of many of these highly trained people. This could result in a lot of new untrained personnel filling these positions and, as a result, could result in serious tragedy.

The fires we experienced last season in Southcentral Alaska were the most disastrous in the history of our State. Over 350 structures were lost in the Big Lake fires alone. We may be facing another fire season as bad or worse than last year due to the lack of snow this winter. We are already having wildfires on the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, and in the Mat-Su Valley. Why hasn't the legislature taken more proactive measures to fill the voids we have. We need more positions and we need an increment to fund them. Please do not turn your backs on the people you represent.

I could go on but I won't. I hope you have gotten the picture by now. I would appreciate hearing from any of you, however, please do not send any canned responses. If you cannot send a personal reply, then save the State's money and don't send anything.

Thank you.

Sincerely concerned,



Tom Marok
HC2 Box 707
Soldotna, AK 99669



April 7, 1997

Dear Representative Hanley:

This letter is written out of concern for the future of postsecondary education in the state of Alaska. I am convinced that our elected senators and representatives are not aware of the current trend and certainly not aware of the impact to our communities of recent steps that have been taken by key administrative staff members of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE).

Alaska Computer Institute (ACI) is a private corporation which has served the educational needs of the Anchorage and Fairbanks communities for the last thirteen years. The population of ACI students consists of 30% native Alaskans, 79% women, and 65% other minorities for a total *minority* population of 92%. ACI serves those individuals who are not able to commit to a two- or four-year collegiate program. We train welfare recipients to prepare them for meaningful employment, and we work with both the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation the Job Training and Partnership Act to help people make a new start with their lives.

In March, the management of ACI made the painful decision to begin a teach out in order to close our Fairbanks campus by the end of June. The remaining students were offered the opportunity to participate in teach out classes, transfer to our Anchorage campus with ACI paying transportation costs, get assistance with buying University of Alaska-Fairbanks credits, or negotiating a refund. One student transferred to Anchorage, one student has elected to move out of state, two students remain undecided, and the remaining students are participating in teach out classes.

ACI has diligently tried to work with the administrative staff of ACPE in supplying all necessary documentation in order to proceed with our plan. However, it is not clear what is required by key staff members to prevent the closure of the Anchorage campus of ACI and continue the teach out of the Fairbanks students. We have been led to believe that the closure of ACI-Anchorage is eminent and is to take place at an April 16 Institutional Authorization Committee meeting of ACPE.

The loss of Alaska Computer Institute would affect the whole state as we have many students that come in to Anchorage from outlying villages and communities. Vocational training in the state of Alaska is at risk. Where are these people going to go when federal mandates concerning welfare recipients come into play? What about the dreams of the 82 students currently enrolled at ACI? Where do they turn? Who is representing their interests? The staff, faculty, and students of ACI are asking for your help. We hope that you, as a representative of the people of Alaska, understand the severity of our situation and the far reaching consequences to your constituents.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robb Woodman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr. Robb Woodman, Director
ACI Staff and Faculty

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CITY OF ANIAK
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April 8, 1997

The Honorable Mark Hanley
State Capitol, Room 507
Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Chairman Hanley:

The City of Aniak is in dire financial straits. We have \$12,362.00 left in our general account. It costs the City \$14,000.00 a month to operate.

We are at the point of no longer being able to function financially as a 2nd class city. Please do not bring the great State of Alaska into ruin, with a broken down infrastructure and no state control of its resources. Even our federal representative is telling you of the dire consequences of not resolving the Subsistence dilemma. The mayors and other elected officials are warning you also.

Smaller municipalities are going bankrupt with the cutting of State aid. This is jeopardizing the health and safety of the citizens.

If nothing is done, the Federal government will take over Fish & Game management in October. You should be doing whatever it takes to retain Alaska's control of its resources. We Alaskans can solve our problems ourselves!

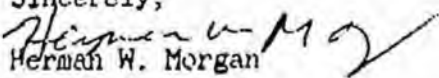
To balance the budget, let the people of Alaska decide if they want a state income tax or not. You are cutting too much too fast in your zest to cut 60 million. It will cause the State of Alaska's resources and citizens a world of hurt.

Look on page 116 of April 1997 National Geographic Magazine. There is no impending budget crisis, the sky is not falling. You are being duped into thinking there is an impending crisis!

Look at how much damage your cuts are causing. How many jobs will be lost? How many children will go hungry? Many unnecessarily. All this is happening in one of the richest states in the union

Think about all the unnecessary pain to Alaska you are causing. You are creating a crisis, of monumental proportions, if you continue with the 60 million dollar cut to the states budget.

Sincerely,


Herman W. Morgan
City Manager

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DATE: 4-6-97

TO: Alaska State - Senators, House of Representatives.

Governor Tony Knowles, Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer

Senator Ted Stevens, Congressman Don Young

FROM: MARTIN LEONARD III, COORDINATOR, DISTANCE DELIVERY CONSORTIUM, BETHEL ALASKA

**RE: SATELLITE INTERCONNECT PROJECT/PUBLIC BROADCASTING- CONTINUED
FUNDING FOR VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALASKA**

1. **THE FUNDING OF ARCS as the line item in the current State of Alaska's budget is a grave misrepresentation. Almost all of the dollars committed to 'ARCS' are dedicated to paying the majority of the State's 1.5 million transponder/satellite lease. These state funds go to operate the satellite transponder in conjunction with directives of THE SATELLITE INTERCONNECT PROJECT (SIP) which oversees all of the services mentioned below.**
2. **The SIP has developed infrastructure and governance to manage the State's satellite resource in support of: Public Radio, Public Television (rural and urban programming streams), Distance Education, the Emergency Alert System and the possible pipe-line for Computer-Data transmissions (i.e. the INTERNET).**
3. **The upgrade of our satellite delivery system to it's current 'working' standard has increased our capacity to deliver many more services. The Digital upgrade to our system now enable Four Video Channels, 16 Radio links, Emergency Broadcasting, and potential Computer Data Services to reside where once only one video channel previously existed. This has reduced operating expenses for everyone involved creating a cost effective reliable mechanism for the delivery of telecommunications initiatives state-wide.**
4. **The Satellite System is the infrastructure providing for basic telecommunications needs of all Alaskans. The system allows for regional representation. This is not just about entertainment TV any more !**

5. This Satellite system and it's components bring Alaska to the forefront of technology enhanced education and health-care delivery as well as the whole telecommunications arena.
6. This initiative is positively affecting state-wide, national and international interconnectivity for Alaskans and will enhance our possibilities for personal and economic growth.
7. The federal government (NTIA) has provided the funding for the development of much of this vital infrastructure and they demand results. 1) we can de-fund the ARCS/Public Television line item; thereby killing the whole SIP project and negating the hard work and dollars committed by Washington. Equipment in place is on a ten year lien and will revert back to the Federal government if no longer being used for it's original intent. We can be held liable by the granting agencies involved and eliminate any chances we have for future funding or 2) *we can continue to fund the SATELLITE SIP / It's Component Services and move forward with the implementation of one of the most important and worthwhile investments the NTIA , State of Alaska and private partners have ever supported. This 'exemplary project' will ensure future funding opportunities.*

ANY DISCUSSION OF THE ELIMINATION OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING / ARCS TV / FUNDING OF THE SATELLITE TRANSPONDER; HOWEVER IT MAY BE PRESENTED, WILL:

- **KILL ANY OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE AHEAD WITH VITAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVES WITHIN OUR STATE.**
- **SET STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS BACK 15 YEARS (THIS INCLUDES: TECHNOLOGY ASSISTED EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND COMPUTER INTERCONNECTIVITY).**
- **PLACE US IN EXTREME DISFAVOR WITH FUNDING AGENCIES VITAL TO THE GROWTH OF OUR STATE-WIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.**

*** Preserve funding for the Satellite Transponder. Preserve Public TV, ARCS, Public Radio, the Alaska III Education Channel, Gavel to Gavel, Emergency Broadcast Services and State-wide Interconnectivity***

Fund Vital Telecommunications Infrastructure - it's important for all Alaskans.

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April 3, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 507
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hanley:

We, the undersigned Department Heads of the UAF College of Liberal Arts (CLA), would like to express our deep concern about the budget cuts being discussed by the Legislature for the University of Alaska system, and, in particular, the negative impact that any budget reduction will have on our College's ability to deliver a quality academic experience for Alaskans.

When the UA budget does not grow in real terms, academic programs bear the brunt of the resulting budget reduction. This trend cannot continue! Over the past five years, CLA has absorbed repeated "administrative taxes" on its budget, and, now, there are no discretionary funds left to cut. In recent years, CLA has lost 27 faculty positions. These missing faculty positions matter--they represent lost specialties creating hollow spaces in degree programs, and they represent an economic loss to the Fairbanks community and the State. Last year the CLA faculty travel money was eliminated altogether, removing this vital opportunity for faculty development. We recently learned that most of the CLA lecturer pool will not be funded next year. Lecturers are adjunct teachers who support degree programs, so many classes that students need will be canceled next semester.

We simply cannot continue to absorb budget reductions at the College level and sustain the high quality academic opportunities that Alaskans deserve from their University experience. We would like to have the CLA budget grow to reflect the need for quality in-state higher education. However, if the Legislature continues to discuss budget reductions for the UA system, then we believe that it is important that you recognize that the administrative structure cannot be relied upon to cut itself, and once again, the reductions will fall disproportionately on the heart of the University--its instructional programs. If past experience is a guide, then any budget reduction will decimate already seriously underfunded academic degree programs, and ultimately the services that Alaskans expect from their University.

We thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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REP. MARK HANLEY
CO-CHAIR, HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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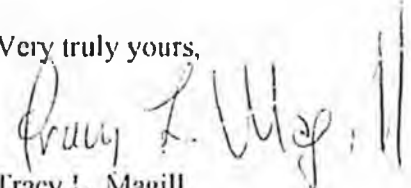
Dear Representative Hanley:

I am writing to express my concern over the House Finance Committee's FY 98 UA operating budget proposal. As a UAF student for several years, I have seen the impact of budget cuts trickle down to my level in the form of increased tuition and user fees. While I don't agree with every fee that has been imposed upon me as a potential user of various services, I can appreciate the need to make these things more self-supporting. For example, I don't use the Health Center, the Recreation Center or Computing Services, yet I pay to support them.

I have learned that this year's budget cuts will likely result in the loss of lecturers to the College of Liberal Arts. I am majoring in History and Political Science, so these cuts will affect me directly, in spite of the fact that I'm supporting things I don't use. CLA lecturers are self-supporting, as their services are paid via student enrollment to their classes. I realize your committee didn't make this decision, but as long as UA's budget continues to be cut, students of "impractical" liberal arts degrees will be the unfortunate beneficiaries.

I wish to hear your opinion on how you think the University of Alaska might continue to provide quality and affordable education to Alaskans and promote economic development. It is becoming increasingly more difficult as each year brings a budget cut. I desire to remain in Alaska and contribute to its growth. As an Alaskan, I am disconcerted by the lack of legislative investment in Alaska's future through support of education for its constituency.

Very truly yours,


Tracy L. Magill



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance
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 committed on HB # 76 - Budget, dated 3/27/97
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If you take this away from the people
 and then you get trouble on your hands.

If you take away are medicare & medicare
 and cut down on are APA & take away
 are SSI & SS a lot of us would be on
 the streets where we started and it would
 which would make us either die or to get
 killed because some of us are not strong ^{enough} to
 survive.

Signed: Peter M. Gashin
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

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PLEASE Allow the mental Health Budget
it helps the god praised christian
people to come closer to Jesus and
it helps people to get the relief
of aid that people can't pay
for.

Please don't cut our mental
Health Budget and A.P.A.

Signed: John Alan Meyer
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

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

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Please allow the mental
Health Budget to stay in
effect to the chrysis
ment, it's very good
for everybody good
the people that even
so allow it, believe
let it go.

Signed: [Signature]
Testifier

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230 E Paulson # 68
Address Wasilla Alaska 99654

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Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on HB # 76 - Budget, dated 3/26/97
bill/subject

Please don't cut mental health from the budget! At Life Quest here in Wasilla we have seven case managers for over 200 clients. If the cuts happen, there will only be 2 case managers for everyone of us. I depend on them to give me rides to take me to the food store, get my medications, help me with my finances, take me to the bank, the doctor, just everywhere! They also help fill out important forms that have to be done, taxes forms, mental health forms and many more. I am a Paranosid Schizophrenia and need all these services! If there are only 2 case managers for all these people, there wouldn't be time for me! I'm scared!

Thankyou, Eric P.S. I am also a registered voter

Signed: Eric M. Smith
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance
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With respect to this Committee.

With out support from community mental health. Many patients will be sent to A.P.I. thereby costing the state far more money in the long run.

Then a visit to a counselor?

This does not take into Consideration the devastating effect on the family, life and the welfare of The Children.

Signed: B. Anna J. Sabush
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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907-373-2084
Phone No.

Representative Mark Hanley
FAX 465-2418

Dear Representative Hanley,

My name is Marg Parsons. I currently work in Public Assistance in Sitka and have been involved in human services for 20 years. I am writing express my concern of the proposed budget for Health and Social Services.

I have felt for many years that the welfare program in both the United States and Alaska desperately needed reform. I fully support the current and proposed reforms of the Food Stamp program and Aid to Families With Dependent Children. I firmly believe that with the present budget the goals of the proposed reforms can be obtained in the projected time line.

Unfortunately, with the projected budget cuts I do not believe the reforms are at all possible and the project is doomed to certain failure.


The projected budget will make it impossible to implement the basic elements of the new welfare delivery system, including the Welfare-to-Work orientation, community referrals, eligibility determination for the Diversion Program and development and monitoring of the Family Self-Sufficiency Plan. I want to point out that those last two were mandated by the State Welfare Reform legislation passed in May 1996.

The welfare case loads will not drop immediately. The information from the other states that have been successful show that permanent drops occur gradually and time is needed to work with the recipients. The resources need to be there for the field workers and the recipients. Cutting child care, Welfare-to-Work programs and the other proposed systems will not allow my department to do the job the legislature have requested of us. And in many cases, federal funding is contingent on a certain success rate.

This should be an exciting time to be involved in welfare. I am aware of the feelings among the workers who will implement the reforms and we are enthusiastic to reduce the welfare roles, to reduce the abuse of the system and to increase the number of productive workers in the state. With the existing budget it can be a success.

Please consider the negative impact upon the whole state, not just the current welfare recipients, of the budget cuts. You have requested the Department to implement reform, we are eager to do the job, now please give us the tools to do the job right.

Sincerely yours,


Marg. Parsons
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