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**HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 1997-1998**

# Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.

March 17, 1996

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Representative Mark Hanley  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hanley:

We have reviewed the proposed reductions regarding the Department of Health and Social Services budget for fiscal year 1998. Although we applaud the efforts of the legislature to trim spending and downsize the state government, we are concerned that the proposed budget reductions will negatively impact the opportunities that will ensure the success of welfare reform.

We are asking the legislature to reinstate the \$6.6 million in reinvestment funds into the Department of Health and Social Services budget for fiscal year 1998. The reinvestment funding will allow DHHS to increase efforts in assisting AFDC recipients transition into productive employment opportunities. It is essential that the Department of Health and Social Services receive *full appropriation of the \$6.6 million* in reinvestment dollars. These reinvestment dollars will assist in successful transitional services such as; work activities, child care and teen parent support.

To meet newly imposed federal work requirements the state will have to *double* current efforts with regard to work and training programs. Without these reinvestment dollars it will be extremely hard for DHSS to meet the significant challenges proposed by welfare reform. If we do not take a pro-active role in welfare reform and ensure that the needed resources such as, child care and welfare to work services are available to AFDC recipients the costs will only increase and will become even more burdensome upon the state in future years.

Sincerely,

  
Christine Kashevarof  
Cook Inlet Tribal Council

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## TRANSMITTAL

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**to:** All Fairbanks Legislators  
**fax #:** 465-2418  
**re:** Alaska One  
**date:** April 4, 1997  
**pages:** 1, including cover sheet.

I am concerned that once again Public Television has been the object of budget cuts. This seems to me, as usual, "penny wise and dollar dumb." The residents of Fairbanks strongly support their public radio and television, and I hope that the legislature will take into account the benefit that Alaska One provides. Not every Alaskan has a satellite link or cable in order to have an alternative for themselves and especially their children. HOW can we complain about the destructive aspects of commercial television and then choose to give no alternative to those programs. My children have grown up on Nature programs and other educational programs that have been available through public television. Please don't cut the funding to Alaska One!!

From the desk of...

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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  
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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

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April 4, 1997

The Honorable Mark Hanley, Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee  
The Alaska State House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Hanley,

I was very concerned to learn that the Legislature is discussing the possibility of eliminating funding for public television and the Alaska Rural Communications Service (ARCS). My concern is based on two issues.

First, as a relative newcomer to the State (nearly two years), I quickly came to appreciate the value placed on public television and ARCS by Alaskans. I have tried to visit as many areas of the state as I could, and have been impressed by the support for these services that exists throughout the state. The public television facility is always one of my stops on my visits in rural Alaska, as I have found that it serves as a real center point for information and issues going on in the community. Communications and bringing people together is my company's business, and in all my career I have never seen a place where public television plays such a vital role in this. That is why AT&T Alascom (and Alascom before it) have been such strong financial supporters of public television. I will not take the time to enumerate all the services provided, because I believe you are very familiar with them.

The second issue goes back to my arrival in Alaska. In the summer of 1995, even before the sale of Alascom to AT&T was official, I was made aware that a funding cut was threatening the survival of public television and ARCS. I was asked to participate in a coalition of public broadcasters and State officials to try to find a solution. What impressed me was that the request was not just for money, but for my professional assistance in finding a solution. Through a combination of technology, creativity, and real give and take negotiations, we found a solution. This solution used a federal grant to purchase state of the art technology, and a creative network configuration that greatly improved service and lowered cost. We are continuing to improve on this solid base. Recent enhancements have enabled us to make ARCS "non-preemptable" for the first time, and work is in progress for the educational portion of the network. Our teams are working together well and we will continue to find more ways to deliver more services more efficiently.

The solution I described, plus the means used to attain it, should serve as a role model for public/private partnership. In addition, it demonstrated how a not for profit entity can help shape its own destiny, without just going to the well for more money. Elimination of funding for this unique enterprise will send the wrong message. Instead, we should be holding public television and ARCS up as an example of how public and private concerns can come together for mutual benefit. My company and I are deeply committed to serving all Alaskans, bringing them closer together, and give them access to each other and the information and services they want and need. We believe that Alaska public television and ARCS is a critical means of accomplishing this. I urge you to consider these facts in your deliberations.

Thank you,

*Gerry DeFrancisco*



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April 2, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Mail Stop 3100  
Juneau, AK 99811-1182

VIA FAX  
465-2418

Dear Representative Hanley:

I appreciate the difficult place you are at in dealing with the budget cut targets you are now facing.

NANA is one of the state's largest private sector employers, with \$28 million of our payroll last year going to residents in the Anchorage area. We continue to grow as a business, and therefore will have increasing opportunities for employing our state's residents.

In reviewing the welfare recipient numbers for Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Fairbanks, the Division of Public Assistance reports reflect these three areas comprise 65% of the welfare case load. Juneau and Kenai comprise an additional 12% of the case load.

The new welfare reform requirements mandate 25% of these individuals be involved in work activities within the next year.

NANA is committed to continuing its participation in placing welfare recipients in meaningful and good paying jobs. It is hoped the welfare reform legislation passed last year by our state legislature will result in ending the devastating dependency on government. However, during this transition period when many of the "how tos" of making this a successful transition are not yet known, the employing community must have seed monies to provide the support services this hardest to employ group will require.

The federally mandated targets for placements of welfare recipients in work activities will be difficult, if not impossible, to meet without some support dollars for the system to work with. These individuals will need many support services to be successfully placed. As employers, we expect former welfare recipients to be ready to work, and to stay with us once placed. That means careful screening will have taken place, that skills levels will have been measured, pre-employment skills addressed, such as how to interview, an awareness of what skills and behaviors are needed to be productive (dependability, ready to learn, able to work with others, able to make decisions, have basic skills, etc.), that child care, transportation, appropriate clothing and other work supplies are taken care of. These are the very basics if our state is going to try the "work first" approach.





Obviously, even the first steps involved in placing those with employment barriers requires intensive services which translates into dollars. This does not address the dollars that are needed to support more extensive training when necessary, and because the state must have success in rural Alaska, collaboration, staff support, and contracting with local organizations must also occur which will have costs associated.

The welfare reinvestment dollars which are not supplemental monies, are needed by the employing community if we are to see welfare reform work.

We urge you to keep the \$6.6 million in reinvestment monies in the welfare budget. Again, NANA can help our state be successful in placing welfare recipients, the bulk of which are in the urban areas. But, we will need the state's dollars to make this happen.

Thank you again for your help in creating an economic climate which attracts new business to Alaska because we have a trained workforce to meet the ever changing demands of the work place. I would be happy to discuss this with you, and hope you will support our request to keep these old dollars in place.

Sincerely,

Sarah Scanlan  
Vice President

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Dear Representative Hanley:

As a private sector employer who, along with others, has been involved in looking at ways in which the State might deliver its services more efficiently, effectively, and is customer oriented, you are to be commended for reinstating the \$7.2 million in C&RA's budget for the One Stop Centers. They are a critical component for consolidating and co-locating services to result in a less fragmented system of public services. We are at a place in time where both financially and service wise, it is imperative the human resource delivery system is focused on the customer.

Alaska is working hard at becoming a state where we can attract new economic development opportunities by having a well-trained work force. The One Stop Centers will be instrumental in helping to identify the skills gaps, training needs, and employment opportunities, without giving the customer the runaround, and who ends up receiving the services needed to become a contributing, productive citizen.

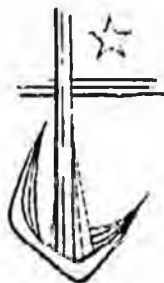
Again, thank you for your foresight on this very important project that has taken many years of hard work to get to. I think you will see the benefits quickly which will be long lasting. Thank you, again, on behalf of Alaska's private sector.

Sincerely,

Sarah Scanlan  
Vice President

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE

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April 4, 1997

Office of the Archbishop

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Alaskan Legislators  
FROM: Archbishop Francis T. Hurley *FTH*  
RE: Welfare Reform

The Governor and the Legislators have declared themselves on budget cuts. That is what the voters have demanded. The next step is really the critical one: How?

It is axiomatic that it costs money to save money, costs in the short term and saves over the long haul. If that axiom is not honored, then the reach to stop the waste of money can end up wasting people, especially the poor and children.

Can a young single, welfare parent enter the workforce without counseling, without training? Can a single mother at the low end of the pay scale afford child care for her child?

Is it possible to reform the welfare system without spending money to do so? A few years ago Brother Francis Shelter made a major reform in policy; instead of allowing the guests to stay interminably, they were assisted in getting jobs. The change worked but money had to be spent, City money, to provide the self-sufficiency counselor.

Political reality makes most people aware that time is absolutely essential to effect good and reasonable welfare reform that does not put more people, young and old, on the streets. All the Church leaders I deal with, individual churches and Catholic Social Services, are ready to work with the Governor and the Legislators in effecting a system of reform. The State is by no means broke financially, though it must move to real economic swings in the years ahead.

We as a State have the personnel, the time and the financial resources to make the change over a period of years rather than all at once. The fallout from federal legislation has already shown the danger flags of precipitous action. May we in Alaska give an example of reform of welfare that saves wasted money without unwittingly wasting children.

Fax to: Co-Chairs of Senate and House Finance Committees

Please distribute to all Finance Committee Members.

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740 5<sup>th</sup> street  
Juneau Alaska.

Dear Legislators,

I really like KTOO. SO ~~that~~ please keep public television funding in the budget. Because there are lots of good shows on public television for children.

Sincerely Rachelle Slaw  
age 8

## FAX MEMORANDUM, 2 pages

April 3, 1997

To: All Alaska Legislators

From: Catholic Social Services Board of Trustees:  
Joe Moran-Delisio, Moran, Geraghty & Zobel  
Chris Swalling-Swalling CPAs  
Susan Elliott-Consortium Library, UAA  
David Gottstein-Dynamic Capital Management  
Ben Barrera-National Bank of Alaska  
Fran Marbarger-Office of Dr. Peter Marbarger  
Regina DeFrancisco-Community Advocate  
Don Stoneburner-Keystone/Keytrans  
Lisa Murkowski

We are compelled to write each of you with the following message that outlines why we believe some of your budget reductions to social services will hurt many families in Alaska. We urge you to think carefully about your actions and how they will prevent many people from transitioning from welfare to work.

**Let's keep the promise of welfare reform.**

In 1996, the legislature passed Senate Bill 98, a bill designed to move public assistance recipients from the welfare roles into the workforce. The basic premise of the bill was admirable - to help those on welfare find jobs and become self-sufficient. Based upon that promise, Senate Bill 98 was adopted by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

The 1996 "helping hand" promised by the legislature included:

- incentives to go to work, graduate from high school or a vocational program;
- eliminating the 100-hour rule that discouraged employment;
- providing for an additional 12 months of Medicaid coverage during the transition from welfare to work, and;
- providing for child care assistance during the transition period.

At the same time, the legislature cracked down on welfare abuse, eliminated eligibility for some recipients and established time limits for all recipients. It was a balanced approach and Alaskans believed it would work.

Yet less than one year later, the promise of a helping hand is turning out to be an illusion. Not because the underlying legislation was wrong, but because the current legislature appears to be cutting the promised helping hand from the budget. These cuts will, in turn, ultimately cripple the successful implementation of welfare reform.

In the spirit of the original legislation, the public and private sector have been cooperating in an unprecedented way in order to meet the federal welfare reform mandates. In Alaska, that means moving thousands of people off the rolls and into the workforce. A formidable task, but possible if the state and private employers continue the work they have started.

But the cuts being implemented by the legislature are hurting this effort. For example, it is anticipated that 2,000 more children will need day care assistance in order for their parent(s) to head off to work. And every employer knows that quality, dependable child care is critical for parents to succeed in the workplace.

The private sector is asking for a return to the commitments of welfare reform. We supported its original intent. And we are committed to seeing it succeed. But we need the legislature to fund the bridge between welfare and work and to stay the course we have set.

In the words of Senator Lyda Green, "Senate Bill 98 is a first step in an effort to break the cycle of welfare dependence and to help welfare recipients become more productive, self-sufficient and financially independent."

Together, let us accomplish the dream of turning society's dependent into the productive. Let us extend to them the hand that was promised.

**KIDPAC**  
*A Voice for Children*

**TO:** Senator Miller, President, Alaska State Senate  
Senator Pearce, Co-chair, Senate Finance Committee  
Senator Sharp, Co-chair, Senate Finance Committee  
Senator Wilken, Chair, Senate HESS Committee  
Senator Ellis, Senate HESS Committee  
✓ Representative Hanley, Co-chair, House Finance Committee  
Representative Therriault, Co-chair, House Finance Committee  
Representative John Davies, House Finance Committee  
Representative Pete Kelly, House Finance Committee

**FROM:** Carla Timpone, Lobbyist, Kidpac *CT*

**DATE:** April 3, 1997

I was asked to forward to you the attached copies of a petition circulated at the 13th Annual meeting of the Fairbanks Association for the Education of Young Children, held recently in Fairbanks. The petition requests that careful consideration be given to budget items that impact children and their families, especially child care programs, welfare reform efforts, child support enforcement, Medicaid, and education.

Also attached are copies of letters individually addressed to particular members of the Legislature.

Thank you.

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attachments

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To

Representatives Gene Therriault and Mark Hanley, Co-chairs of House Finance  
and  
Senators Bert Sharp and Drue Pearce, Co-chairs of Senate Finance

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Children not only deserve the best we can give them, investing in programs that benefit children in their youngest years makes good financial sense. For every one dollar invested early, four are saved later.

With that in mind, we urge you not to cut programs that serve children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

We urge you to restore these cuts, and to fully fund programs that serve children and their families.

Signature

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To

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Petition to Reps. Therriault & Hanley and Sens. Sharp & Pearce  
Cuts to programs for Alaska's children & families have gone too far:  
restore to full funding.

Signature

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I am especially concerned about: all the programs that help and work with special needs with children and take away special programs ~~that~~ for learning disabled and so on.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie A. Thompson  
Signature

Name: Leslie Thompson

Address: Rt 100 Airport WY # 362  
Fairbanks AK  
99701

Dear Best Sharp

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I am especially concerned about: Healthy Families and Child Care Assistance, child support, medical and child care programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Theresa Miller  
Signature

Name: Theresa Miller

Address: 1545 20th St

Fairbanks AK  
99701

Dear *Bert Sharp,*

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I am especially concerned about: *all Alaska's children and families. Please look closely at issues that concern them. They are truly our future! We're counting on you.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Cathy Balasko*  
Signature

Name: *Cathy Balasko*

Address: *P.O. Box 74894*

*Fairbanks, AK 99707*

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I am especially concerned about:

The public broadcasting, because I feel the other  
stations do not support good educational programs.  
(Networks)

Our Public broadcasting station work very hard to bring wonderful programs to the public and for our children. Please keep these programs going. My son has autism and Alan tunes in to the programs and learns more than I can do when I work.

Many Thanks

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Kates  
Signature

Name: Michelle Kates

Address: 1164 Gounion Lane #1  
Fairbank AK 99709

Dear

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I am especially concerned about: any program that would not let a child grow up to be the best that he or she could be. ~~The~~ The PBS programs which you probably don't think that is very important, sometimes the only education for a child at home especially in the village is the PBS stations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Paneak  
Signature

Name: Beth Paneak

Address: 132 Trinidad  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
99709



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I am especially concerned about: I am concerned about all of these cuts, and how the consequences will be to family functions. My son has Down Syndrome - he is medically complex and requires special medical services. Without at least the current level of funding, and emotionally assisted, he has no way of learning, and at least a modest program to watch little TV with some public broadcast the majority of the time and he can have cable. The programs that are being cut are what regular TV has to offer. Except for the news it's the only programs we learn from, in the educational/advocacy field my degree is in the exceptional learner and I depend on these and other programs being considered for cut my family would have reached that last straw.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christina Spring  
Signature

Name: Christina Spring

Address: P.O. Box 58527

Fairbanks, AK 99711

Please do not cut these programs, many families will reach that last straw and fall out. I have much more to say but will leave it to my peers. You'll hear from me again.

Thank You for  
Your Time,  
Christina Spring

Dear Mr Burt Sharp,

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I am especially concerned about:

I am concerned about all of the above, but I am especially concerned with the health and safety of our children. We all need to work together to support children and the way they grow up. We need to begin now, helping each child to overcome whatever they may be dealing with. We need to be as dedicated to these children, the way we are towards other government issues. Please!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Seery  
Signature

Name: Kimberly Seery

Address: 880 Rollage Rd  
N.P., AK 99705

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I am especially concerned about: *the children*. When we ~~cut~~ cut any family program, the children seem to be the ones who are hurt the most. The ~~can~~ children are our future so lets not cut them short.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cynthia S. Mast  
Signature

Name: Cynthia S. Mast

Address: 5190 Amherst Dr #25  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear ~~State~~ Bert Sharp

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I am especially concerned about: the parents who are really trying hard to work to support themselves without any welfare. They really need to have the professional skills to do so. If these services are cut then they won't have anything to live off of, because they'll have to pay everything and won't have any extra for unexpected family emergencies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name: Mary L. Richards

Address: 1273 Pheasant Drive  
North Pole Alaska  
99705

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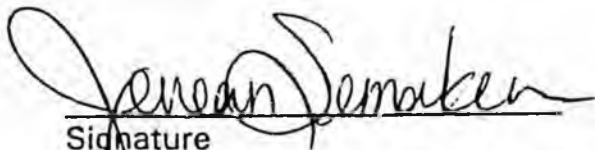
I am especially concerned about: ~~where these~~ cut programs are going to leave me, being a single parent, 27 y.o., working on-call (for 24rs), being on AFDC, + already owing the state \$4,000.00 for a loan that was taken in '91. I did finish the school (SST) and haven't accomplished anything w/ the Certificate since '91. I even took a refresher course in Sept. '96 + still working in a total different field than what I went to school for. I'm still paying the interest on the loan so I've been very discouraged about pursuing my education.

I love kids and been on-call at Fairbanks Native Association as a substitute teacher since Oct '95 my son was just a month old when I went back to work. I'm now a single parent and still haven't been hired full or even part-time for FNA.

Therefore, I can't afford (probably like m. + young mothers) to have the programs cut or can't even afford to go to school. I don't want to be stuck on-call forever.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Signature

Name:

Jenean Semaken

Address:

P.O. Box 8332-1

Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear

Senator

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I am especially concerned about:

Family Child Care Assistance is in a great need! There are so many families who need this assistance or they would not be able to work towards their goals & careers, or even just go to work everyday to support their families. Not only does this help them to better themselves so one day they will be able to support themselves on their own, but it improves the quality of the children's lives! The children learn by example and they will see loving parent striving to make their lives better and not a parent that is living completely on welfare. These children also receive a quality education they greatly deserve & need throughout the day, with the help of child care assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori Cantu

Signature Lori Cantu

Name: 4241 599th St #7

Address: Fort Wainwright  
AK 99703-1011

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I am especially concerned about:

*Child care assistance cuts also  
welfare cuts in hand w/cuts  
in the administrative area.  
23 case workers cut when  
they will be needed to help  
multitudes of families move  
from welfare to self-providers.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Wanda Peterson - Sara McCoy - Stephanie Copeland*  
Signature

Name: PRIME TIME FOR KIDS

Address: P.O. Box 58508

FRBKS, AK 99711

Dear Senator Sharp

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I am especially concerned about:

all programs that effect special needs children and their families.

When you are in Fairbanks, your <sup>news</sup> paper is delivered by my son, who has been receiving services from agency's such as ACCA, RCPC, child support enforcement and the school district. Because of the help Keith & I have received, he has the hope of being an employed productive citizen.

We deeply appreciate your continued support of these much needed services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joy Copeland  
Signature

Name: Joy Copeland

Address: 1015 25th Ave

Fairbanks, AK. 99701



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I am especially concerned about:

- Programs that help families in transition from welfare to work
- Day Care Assistance / Child Care Grant
- Training funds for Early Childhood Care-givers

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lona Claire Uzueta  
Signature

Name: Lona Claire Uzueta

Address: 1392 Benshoof Drive  
North Pole, AK 99705

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I am especially concerned about:

- I. The sub to the CCEP*
- II Child Care Assistance Program*
- III The sub to the Case Workers and the Public Assistance Program*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Claudia Essley*  
Signature

Name: *Claudia Essley*

Address: *914 Goldmine Tr.*

*Fbks, Ak 99712*

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I am especially concerned about:

The proposed cuts to the  
Childcare Assistance Programs,  
The R & D Grant, any cuts  
to these programs should  
stop.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Gackstetter  
Signature

Name: Debbie Gackstetter

Address: Box 10117

FBKS. AK. 99710

Dear Bert Sharp & Mike Miller

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I am especially concerned about:

Cuts in child care assistance, healthy Families & public television. These programs are very important to children & their families. Interior Alaska can not have a healthy economic growth unless we protect our future. Children ~~are~~ are our future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Diane Shale  
Signature

Name: DIANE SHALE

Address: 654 CADORO Rd  
North Pole, AK

Dear Senator <sup>2-10-82</sup> Sharp

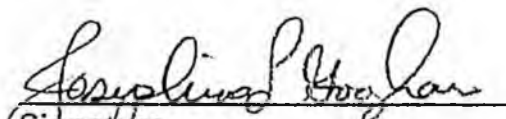
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I am especially concerned about:

The possible cuts in the Child Care Assistance Program - This is one of the major helpers in making the transition from welfare parent to working parent. If this resource was not available, there would be a great deal of problems and suffering for the children of welfare parents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name: JOSEPHINE L. GOOSHAW

Address: P.O. Box 74312

FBKS, AK 99707

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I am especially concerned about: Child Care Assistance

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Hair  
Signature

Name: Sylvia Hair

Address: 1545 20<sup>th</sup> Ave Apt 2  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Dear SEN SHARP

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I am especially concerned about:

LOSS OF TRAINING MONEY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING - WE ALL KNOW THE KEY TO QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN IS THE QUALITY OF THE STAFF CARING FOR THEM! THE QUALITY OF THE STAFF IS DEPENDENT UPON THEIR EDUCATION & TRAINING.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name: Kelly A Dougherty

Address: 2361 SUNFLOWER LP

NORTH POLE, AK 99705

Dear Senator Sharp,

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I am especially concerned about: cuts in programs to move parents from welfare to work.

I'm a 19 yearold with no hope of collecting my social security because it is too easy for parents to stay on welfare, and too hard for them to go back to work. I do not mind my social security going to needy families that receive help to find jobs good enough to get off welfare. (they need the help)

I do mind when the families receive my hard earned money with no help to get a job and no encouragement to get off welfare. By cutting the funds of programs like these it destroys ~~the~~ our economy and ensures that my social security will be bankrupt long before I'm eligiable to collect. It also ensures that secure retirements are not possible

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name: David Joseph Hazenby

Address: 1190 Eriophorum dr.

FBKS AK 99709

unless one can afford an IRA.

Helping the needy is o.k.

Helping the lazy remain lazy encourages poor morals + standard and devolves productivity.

Poor money management has been the downfall of many countries  
(OVER)



~~SENATOR~~ CONGRESSMAN  
Dear DON YOUNG / SENATOR BOB SHARP

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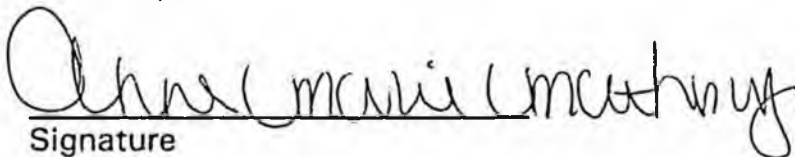
I am especially concerned about:

CUTS PROPOSED TO CHILD CARE SERVICES  
STOP!  
DON'T!  
NO!

IF WE DON'T PAY NOW; WE WILL  
PAY 4 X - LATER!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name: ANNEMARIE MATHENY

Address: 1571 WILLIAM WAY  
FISKS AK 99701

Dear Bert Sharp.

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I am especially concerned about the cuts in funds serving the Child Care grant. As an employee in a child care center, it is obvious the benefits of continuing education for staff and for the children.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Megan M. Hannah  
Signature

Name: Megan M. Hannah

Address: 1782 Army Rd. #4  
FBIS, AK 99709

Dear Bert Sharp,

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I am especially concerned about:

the cuts to public ~~educ~~ television. I am working very hard to get the money in Eagle to rebroadcast KUAC-TV and KUAC-FM. I feel that this is a very important part of education in Alaska. How else can we know what our legislators are doing? I would be willing to pay an income tax, if I thought it would go to education. I think it's very important to create an education trust fund with part of the permanent fund monies. PLEASE support public broadcasting!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Riley Millard

Signature

Principal / Teacher

Name: Eagle Community School

Address: POB 124

Eagle AK. 99738

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I am especially concerned about:

The cuts already proposed in child care programs. I work in a child care center here in Fairbanks, and have worked with children and their families for over 15 years. I have seen the impact that having a stable, licensed environment for parents and children has done. If parents have a safe, loving and nurturing place to leave their children, they are much happier and tend to work harder at making improvements in their lives. In order for us, as childcare providers and teachers, to provide this environment, we need financial support for staff salaries, materials, and education. It's a sad thing when people responsible in part for children's futures are only paid salaries that are equivalent to someone working in (teenagers) fast food services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Alford  
Signature

Name: LINDA R ALFORD

Address: 4921 DARTMOUTH #4  
FAIRBANKS AK 99709

Dear Senator Sharp,

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I am especially concerned about:

your lack of understanding about what Quality Child Care is! Come visit! We are building our Future. The proposed cuts to programs for children is unthinkable. Quality child care depends on your support. Don't cut the Child Care Grant! Don't cut Resource & Referrals! Don't cut the Food Program. Don't cut the Children's Cabinet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 1000 W 20<sup>th</sup> AVE  
Anch AK 99507



Dear *Burt Sharp*

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

I am especially concerned about:

*Cuts in CCR.*

*Families need this help to support their family.*

*Where will these children go/do if they (parents) can not afford day care?*

*We need to support the future, our children!*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Windy Zahner*  
Signature

Name: *Windy Zahner*

Address: *398 Hamilton*

*Fairbanks, AK 99701*

Dear Gary Wilken

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I am especially concerned about:

Child care grant is THE BEST...  
it is a terrific program that  
truly benefits children in very  
important ways. Please support  
full funding for this Gary. The  
money is a wise investment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patty Meritt  
Signature

Name: Patty Meritt

Address: 4581 Drake St.  
Fairbanks Ak 99709

Dear Gary,

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I am especially concerned about:

The department of Public Assistance - their funds need to be increased.

Healthy families program continued & increased.

Education programs - Public Schools & Child care.

Anything that has to do with children

We must take care of our children. I would like to see permanent fund - money used for children & families. If we really can't afford to help our families & children let's reinstitute the income tax.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LaVonne Gullickson  
Signature

Name: LaVonne Gullickson

Address: 4720 Harvard Circle

Fairbanks, AK 99709



Dear Senator Wilkens

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

I am especially concerned about:

Childcare Assistance + Medicaid.  
Healthy Families Programs are so ~~essential~~  
essential for our family + youth. We so  
desperately need these preventative programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Lovell

Signature

Name: Lisa Lovell

Address: 1843 KIHWAKE A.

FBIKS, AK. 99709

Dear GARY WILKEN

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I am especially concerned about: The cuts in day care Asst.  
Single working moms really, really need  
this service. It is hard enough to "shuffle"  
your children from school to day care or VisuVista.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marlene J Kemp  
Signature

Name: Marlene J Kemp

Address: 509 Fairbanks St.

Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Honorable Gary Wilcox,

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

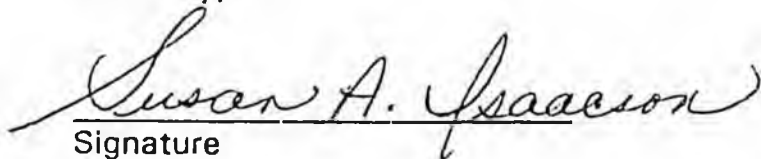
I am especially concerned about:

the cuts in education! We in the field already know that children need good beginnings. How can we look towards the future for the results of excellence in education if there are no resources? Major learning happens during the early childhood phase of development. By providing funds for the education of childcare givers, we are as a community, ensuring a bright future for our children and in turn for us!!

Let's work together -- not make major cuts, disabling those that are in the trenches, pouring <sup>out</sup> heart & soul at low wages - for the good of the community!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name: Susan A. Isaacson

Address: 2701 Turner St., Apt. 6B

Fairbanks, AK, 99701

Dear Gary Wilken,

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I am especially concerned about:

education. Training programs for teachers at daycare institutions NEED that training. The Individual Reimbursement Fund should not be cut. Money should not be removed from child care grants. If it is, the wages of child care workers go down even more. Simply because people work with young children does not mean that they are not professionals and don't deserve proper compensation and respect.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bonnie E. Bruhn

Signature

Name: Bonnie E. Bruhn

Address: 1717 Tamarack St.

Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear *Mike Miller*

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

I am especially concerned about:

*Cuts in public broadcasting, especially in Alaska we need this quality channel to keep in touch with more than just the "normal" violent junk on the tube.*

*Besides children's issues I am also concerned about budget cuts in the arts - all of us, especially children, will suffer from this.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Karen Falk*

Signature

Name: *Karen Falk*

Address: *5195 C Kodiak St*

*Eielson AFB, Alaska*  
*99702*

Dear MR. MILLER -

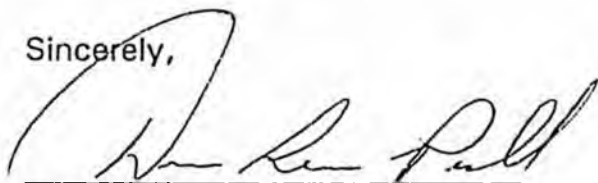
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I am especially concerned about:

WITH MORE PARENTS WORKING, PLEASE  
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDCARE PROGRAMS.  
QUALITY DAYCARE NEEDS HELP IN EVERY  
ASPECT - TO REDUCE FUNDING IS TO END  
AND SENSE OF CARE THAT CHILDREN NEED.  
FUNDING CHILDREN PREVENTS FUNDING  
PRISONS, FUTURE WELFARE, MENTAL HOSPITALS,  
& OTHER STATE SERVICES - ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Signature

Name: DORA POWELL

Address: PO BOX 434

HEALY, AK 99743

Dear Mike Miller

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

I am especially concerned about:

I'm concerned about the I.R.F., which will cut any reimbursements for child development classes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Windy Wicklund  
Signature

Name: Windy Wicklund

Address: 2745 Newby Rd.

North Pole AK 99705

March 29, 1997

Dear *Senatora Ellis*

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

I am especially concerned about:

*the cuts in Education & Training - this leaves the teachers of our young children with no alternatives in rural areas & minimal alternatives in urban areas.*

*With the massive new information of the brain - it's growth & development - from birth to age 3 years, these teachers must have these opportunities to know*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*LARÉ*

Signature

Name:

*LARÉ*

Address:

*1805 Bunker*

*Anchorage 99503-1730*



Dear Rep Hanley

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

I am especially concerned about:

- ① The idea of moving child care into the public assistance arena. I believe it should be part of the economic development department - like Headstart. Child care is an essential component of a healthy community. We want employers & businesses to help provide high quality care - they will do it if they see it as economic development. They will never do it as support for welfare.

For years I have wanted this to go economic development - now when it's almost there it's trying to be diverted. I can't believe it!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patty Meritt  
Signature

Name: Patty Meritt

Address: 4581 Drake St

Fairbanks AK 99709

Please re-think this terrible idea.

Dear Senator, Tom Kelly

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

I am especially concerned about: The care that our children get and the special things that will be taken away from these children. Child care is very important to our society these days. I have my job, and cannot afford to be cut off, I search as this. Our parents in these children facilities will be forced to take children out, and not be able to afford these cuts. You know what this means regarding parents, such as some of you, will then either have to stay home off work, or hire people that most likely would be able to give them the special needs to these children, and they need it. These children are very, very, very important. They are our future, society they deserve more than the best.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Priscilla Smith*  
Signature

Name: Priscilla Smith

Address: 1315 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99501



Senator Kelly

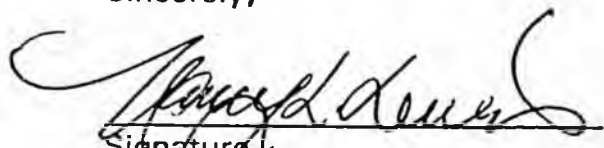
Dear TIM

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I am especially concerned about:

Removal of the resources and Referral agencies The proposal in Anchorage that the MUNI licensing clerks can teach Developmentally Appropriate Practices and are knowledgeable about Quality Child Care is ludicrous. These folks monitor centers with check lists that they don't understand, they make random judgements without consideration of the children or the individual. Please, Quality Child Care Comes from Quality Teachers. Quality Teachers learn from Quality Trainers. MUNI licensers are not teachers.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name:

Nancy Lewis

Address:

4604 E. 9th Ave

Anch. AK 99508

Dear Senator Tim Kelly

I urge you not to cut programs that serve Alaskan children and their families. The cuts already proposed - in child care programs, in programs to move parents from welfare to work, in child support enforcement, in medicaid, in public broadcasting, in the healthy families program, and in education - go too far. These are needed services, not "too much government".

I am especially concerned about:

The continued cuts in child care, the professional statuses will weaken which will only hurt the children. Human services are what make us strong, by cutting these we put extra demand on these already out there pushing and pulling to keep things afloat. We need your help.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

Name: Barbara N. Peterson

Address: 1083 Chugach Way #44  
Anchorage AK 99503

Dear Senator Tim Kelly

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I am especially concerned about:

Removal of the resources and referral agencies - these give teachers ~~the~~ and parents the opportunity to receive fairly inexpensive training which raise the quality of our children's education. It also gives us the use of resources otherwise not available. These are needed services to ensure that our children receive the quality care they deserve.

Please think again about cutting all these needed programs ~ our children's education is NOT worth it!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Taryn L Bryan  
Signature

Name: TARYN L BRYAN

Address: 13150 Old Seward Hwy #3  
Anchorage, AK 99515

Gene and Kirsten

Representative Mark Hanley  
Finance Committee Co-Chair  
State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
Phone: 800-465-4935  
fax: 907-465-2418

The Finance Sub-Committee is considering reducing the amount of the Child Care Grant by ONE MILLION DOLLARS! Please reconsider!

- 1) Quality Child Care is important to me because Children learn most of their values before the age of 7 to 10. Early learning experiences + skills translate into more skillful Children Teenagers and adults later in life. Responsible + cared for children have fewer problems later in life - it's a form of crime prevention that cannot be underestimated or underfunded.
- 2) The Child Care Grant is important to Alaska's children because
- it keeps standards high while keeping costs to working parents down, esp. for those that do not
  - a. Keeps the cost of child care down for all children by quality for daycare cost (OCC+) keeping costs down for those of us who could not qualify for OCA. It also helps to start the quality learning process early, rather than having young children HANG ALONE + discouraged
  - b. Improves the quality of care for my children - I probably couldn't afford to send my child to Puffin Heights w/o the great funding. At the age of three, "Day care" was not enough for him, & he started having problems. The quality child care has been essential in providing him with the teaching + guidance he could not get at a daycare, and to keep me working full time for the state, instead of on welfare!
- [I would like to know what your actions are regarding Child Care issues]  
Thank you

Kirsten Ballard  
4810 CAROUSEL  
ANCHORAGE AK  
99515  
243-4205



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance  
 committee name  
 committee on House, Bill 76, dated March 22, 1997.  
 bill/subject

*I do not want cuts to be made to mental health services - or to the Alaska Court System. Mental health services are essential to the well-being and safety of all members of society. These services are already under budgeted. To make further cuts would be devastating to the people who live in this state.*

Signed: Mary E. (Miria) Stevens  
 Testifier

A concerned citizen  
 Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 872231, Waukegan IL 99687  
 Address

907-373-6031  
 Phone No.

Alaska's  
**KENAI PENINSULA**

March 18, 1997

TO: House Finance Committee Members  
FROM: Stefanie Gorder, Executive Director  
RE: Proposed cuts on tourism funding



There are some important decisions concerning the future of the Alaska tourism industry in front of you. I urge you to consider the following when making these decisions.

The Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council was founded by small businesses. The perception was that by combining our often limited resources with others, the Kenai Peninsula would have a collective presence in the marketplace which would allow for a strong, consolidated voice. Five full years and over 400 members later, we have turned this perception into a strong reality.

The KPTMC consists of individuals, businesses, and communities who created a Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Marketing Program for the purpose of increasing prosperity and improving the quality of life within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

We are one organization with over 400 Alaskan members who have a vested interest in the Alaska visitor industry. Each small business would be devastated by a \$3.5 million cut in tourism programs. We must maintain our position in the nationwide market and need a unified statewide message to help pave the way. The small businesses we represent can not afford to market their product to the lower 48, let alone the rest of the world. Nor can our regional council afford to take over Division of Tourism programs which must continue to maintain Alaska's position in the marketplace.

Do not hesitate to contact me at 283-3850 if you have questions regarding our position. I encourage you to think clearly and consider the results of any cut from tourism marketing programs. The future of Alaska's tourism industry is in your hands.

phone (907) 283-3850  
fax (907) 283-2838  
e-mail kptmc@alaska.net  
150 North Willow  
Kenai, Alaska 99611





LOGISTICS  
315 E Street, Suite # 101  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
FAX # 907-276-6061

facsimile transmittal

To: Alaska State Legislators

From: Toni Walker Date: March 17, 1997


Re: Tourism Budget and Program Cuts Pages: 2

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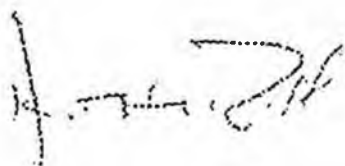
**Notes:** We have just been notified by the Alaska Visitors Association that the House Finance Subcommittee on Commerce and Economic Development is recommending a budget that will eliminate the Division of Tourism entirely, and effectively cut the Alaska Tourism Marketing Council budget by over \$1 million. A \$3.5 million dollar cut to tourism is outrageous!!! Alaska tourism is a vital and viable industry to this state and it's about time our government recognizes it's importance to the growth of Alaska! While other states continue to increase their tourism marketing budgets, Alaska continue to cut, cut, cut! We are losing out to competing destinations. Small businesses cannot reach a national travel market alone and when is the State of Alaska going to realize this? By eliminating tourism and business development programs, our company will be effected! Logistics is a Destination Management Company whose main livelihood is Alaska Tourism. Without dollars being contribute to the promotion of Alaska and creating the

LOGISTICS

desire to visit our wonderful state we will be out of business. I ask that everyone seriously  
reconsider this budget cut and not allow this to happen. Tourism should not be compared to other  
expenditures because it is an investment. In fact, it is an investment with an outstanding return  
record. A cut in the tourism budget (which has already been significantly cut during every  
congressional session for the past 5 years) might reflect a reduction in short term expenditures but  
it will also, without question, stifle the fastest growing industry in the state.



Toni Walker  
Partner  
4021 Tree Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99502



Arthur Roraff  
Partner  
9210 Flintock  
Anchorage, AK 99507



Brian Becker  
Partner  
1008 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #E  
Anchorage, AK 99501

March 21, 1997

To The House Finance Committee:

I am writing to you in support of House Bill 75 and would like to have my testimony entered in to the record.

Having lived in Sitka for all of my life I do not recall experiencing the financial struggle to simply exist. For many years our economic base was sound, we had hundreds of federal workers and we were able to live a comfortable life on government property (Japonski Island). Over a period of years (twenty to twenty-five) the government run Mt. Edgecumbe High School was closed, families were given eviction notices and the island life as we knew it was gone.

We had the fishing industry which provided an income for people as well. The fish were abundant and the regulations few. Fishing for the most part is no longer a dependable means of income. The fisherman doesn't get the \$8 - \$10 a pound that consumers are charged unless they have big money permits.

In the 1950's the pulp mill was opened and employed hundreds of people and the economic base was still sound, the timber contracts were long range and we felt safe. The prices of pulp based products would rise and fall, the union employees were very well paid and had excellent benefits. The administration of the mill changed and it was "out with the old". Even with this drastic measure the end of another era was in sight.

I have been a part of the Sitkans Against Family Violence advocates for three years. Our women are homeless, they have no money, some have marketable skills but for the most part this isn't the case. Violence, theft, murder and rape haven't disappeared - if anything the problems have increased. Alcohol, unemployment and cost of living bury them in a feeling of helplessness.

We need funding for programs to help people to obtain jobs, child care, counseling and so much more.

Thank you for your time.

Caym Coleman  
SAFV Advocate



Ms. Donna J. Wottlin  
P.O. Box 3356  
Seward AK 99664  
Phone: (907)224-5711

Representative Mark Hanley  
Co-Chair House Finance Committee  
State Capitol (Interdept. Mail Stop: 3101)  
Juneau AK 99810-1182  
FAX: 907-465-2418

March 29, 1997

Dear Honorable Mr. Hanley:

I am writing to **ask that you not make** across the board **cuts to Medicaid options which include: 1) rehabilitation services, 2) case management, 3) medical supplies, 4) prosthetics, and 5) mammography.**

I have been a Licensed Practical Nurse for 22 years and have further education which includes 3 semesters short of a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. My nursing experiences are in Long Term Care, Rehabilitation, and Respite Care while living in Seward the past 10 years. I am a registered voter in District D. I am writing because I believe this issue is particularly important to the citizens who reside in Seward that depend on Medicaid.

Many of whom are unable to voice these concerns for themselves because of their disabilities.

I would like to go back to the past and explain **why across the board cuts did not make sense** in Podiatry care when that option was cut a few years ago. One of my clients here in Seward is Diabetic and because of the disease, he has been left with a neuropathy ( no feeling ) in his feet. This is very common side effect of Diabetes. Another common side effect is poor circulation to the extremities. He/she is dependent upon the Podiatrist and the prescribed orthotics ( foot bed inserts for his shoes) for management of these side effect. If he/she becomes unable to afford these services on his/her limited budget they will without question, lose a foot to amputation, due to sores that will not heal and become gangrenous.

This leads to the legislature's consideration of cutting prosthetics. Now, if this person loses their foot because of Medicaid option cuts, he/she will not even be able to get a **prosthetic**, because of this years proposed cuts; to lead a more functional life. This will turn into a **spiraling expense** as this persons health will surely suffer and he/she will require even more Medicaid services.

**I can give you a similar story for each of the options you want to consider cutting.** It must look like an easy solution from an administration standpoint, but from a medical perspective; to cut preventative, management, and helping services does not make economic sense. **The longer people can be healthy and contribute to the community, ( and stay out of a nursing home) the cheaper it will be for Medicaid.**

**Moving people out of the nursing homes has already saved Medicaid hundreds of thousands dollars. But these people still need services!**

**Please do not cut Medicaid services at this time.**

Sincerely,  
Ms. Donna J. Wottlin, L.P.N.

To the House Finance Committee:

Please enter my testimony into the record for House Bill 75:

I am the Direct Services Coordinator for Sitkans Against Family Violence and have served in this job for nine years. I am asking the House Finance Committee to please fund the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to the maximum extent possible. We desperately need every penny of the \$651,000 that the Council is getting over their FY97 budget.

The Council provides SAFV with approximately 75% of our funding. Domestic Violence continues to be a serious problem in Sitka and the rural communities we serve - Kake, Angoon and Port Alexander. In the first half of FY97 we provided 1504 bednights to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. We provided an additional 923 contacts to victims needing our non-residential services including counseling, advocacy, court accompaniment and referrals. These numbers were an increase over our FY96 first two quarter statistics.

Shelters need funding to be able to maintain well-qualified workers. In my position I supervise all the advocates in our shelter. I am appalled that we can only pay an overnight advocate who has worked here for six years \$5.61/hour. She makes \$5.61/hour to answer crisis calls and deal with late night sexual assaults and domestic violence incidents.

SAFV also needs funding to maintain adequate, healing environments for victims. At SAFV, our residents had no water pressure in the kitchen sink and bathroom because we could not afford to hire a plumber. We had to rely on volunteers tinkering with it over the winter as best they could.

Also, with so many residents in and out of the the shelter there is wear and tear on carpets, walls, and furniture. Things get worn out and tattered quickly and then is rarely money for replacements. We rely on donations and volunteers to help spruce the shelter up but there are certain things we must purchase like vacuums, washers, dryers and materials for repairs.

We manage to do much with very little as it is, but extra money is needed to maintain safety for women and children. Thank you.

*Victoria D'Amico*  
Victoria D'Amico  
Direct Services Coordinator, SAFV

Please enter my testimony in the record for HB 75:

My name is Ileana Tabara I am  
chairman of the SAFU board in Sitka.  
I think it is important for SAFU to  
be funded because it provides a  
shelter for battered women and children,  
better said it provides a shelter for victims  
of abuse. It is also an educational  
source against all forms of abuse. It  
also teaches that abuse is not OK. After  
all violence starts at home.

Ileana Tabara

Chair for SAFU Board of  
Directors

# SITKANS AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

P.O. Box 6136 • Sitka, Alaska 99835  
 (907) 747-3370 • Fax 747-3450 • Crisis Line 1-800-478-6511



To the House Finance Committee:

Please enter my testimony into the record for HB 75:

I am the Director of the Sitkans Against Family Violence shelter in Sitka, a program funded through the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. I am testifying to ask that the House maintain the funding that has been put in the Council's budget for FY98. As you are well aware, most of the increase in funding from FY98 over FY97 in the Council budget is due to federal funding. Programs like SAFV across the state that work with victims of domestic violence need every penny of this federal funding in addition to the money that we receive from the state to ensure safety for women and children.

The SAFV shelter in Sitka provides housing, counseling, advocacy and education to women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The SAFV shelter has seen dramatic increases in its caseload in the last three years since our town's major industry, the pulp mill, closed down. The depressed economy that Southeast towns have experienced with the decline of the timber industry has created greater family stresses and greater family violence. For women and children who are the victims of that violence in Sitka, Kake, Angoon, and Port Alexander, the SAFV shelter may be their only option for safety. In FY96 we provided 2120 bednights of safety to victims of domestic violence. Without SAFV, these women and children may have been forced to remain in violent homes or live out on the street.

The extra federal dollars in the Council budget will be used to continue to provide the bare necessities to ensure women and children's safety. At SAFV, this money is needed to keep well-trained workers on the job. We pay our overnight advocates \$5.51/hour and day advocates \$10.35/hour. If it were not for the devotion of our employees, it would be impossible to keep a competent staff at these salaries.

Extra federal dollars are needed to buy educational booklets and videos for our children's groups and to expand our Children's program. Children who are victims of domestic violence often become the batterers and adult victims of tomorrow. At SAFV, we currently have one worker whose job it is to work with resident and non-resident children victims and do groups in the schools. This year she could not buy adequate workbooks for her groups because we could not afford it. More counseling and preventative work needs to be done with children but we do not have the funding to currently do it.

Extra dollars are needed to maintain a safe residence for women and children. Our shelter is a 25-bed facility. Routine maintenance problems like broken sinks and dryers arise daily and require funding which we do not have. We rely on volunteers

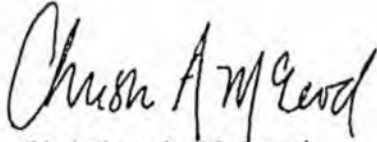


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but cannot always find the appropriately skilled volunteers to fix the problem.

The Council is 75% of our funding. The rest of our budget comes from local business and individual donations, fundraising, the City and Borough of Sitka's revenue sharing program, Tlingit and Haida, and small corporate grants. We access every revenue source possible to do our work but rely heavily on the Council's funding and could not survive without it.

I have included with my testimony letters from the Sitka community emphasizing the importance of SAFV. Thank you for your time.



Christine A. McLeod  
Executive Director



To the House Finance Committee:

Please enter my testimony into the record for House Bill 75:

I am a resident of Kake who has sought out the services of Sitkans Against Family Violence, a program funded primarily through the Council on Domestic Violence. If it wasn't for the SAFV shelter, I wouldn't be around. What I especially like is the confidentiality factor. Human Services in my village are limited - here at SAFV I get more attention, whenever I need it. It's good to get away from my situation in Kake to come to SAFV for talking, reality checks and time-out. I was glad they could pay for the flight for myself and two children, otherwise I wouldn't have been able to come to SAFV.

SAFV client and  
Kake Resident



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Date: March 21, 1997

From: Linda Selvig  
Counselor  
Verstovia Elementary School

To: Christine McLeod  
Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence

Re: SAFV Small Group Counseling Program at Verstovia

For the past two years I have had the opportunity to work with Donna Kayne-Davis, SAFV Children's Program Coordinator. At the start of every school year, Donna and I meet to discuss students at Verstovia who could benefit from a small group counseling program. Many of the students referred, are ones that Donna has worked with at the SAFV shelter.

Donna spends Tuesdays with fourth and fifth grade girls, Wednesdays with fourth and fifth grade boys and Thursdays with third grade boys and girls. Students meet during their lunch times one day a week.

When we begin the groups, Donna and I discuss what topics will be covered such as self concept, drug and alcohol education, personal safety and conflict resolution.

Parents must sign a permission slip to be a part of the group.

Donna and I meet weekly to update each other on each student's progress in the group.

I am extremely pleased with this program and believe that students in the group benefit tremendously. It is my hope that this program will continue for next year. Donna and I make a great team. We plan to get started earlier next year and spend more time coordinating our programs so that we can meet the needs of more students.

Thank you.

*Linda Selvig*



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Date: 3/21/97

To: Christine A. McLeod  
Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
Box 6136  
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Dear Ms. McLeod

As a community member and mental health worker, I would like to express my appreciation for the good work you and the other staff at SAFV have done over the years. As you may know, the bulk of my case load has been with acute psychiatric cases, and many of my clients have been traumatized by family violence. When setting up aftercare services, I frequently recommend my patients go to SAFV, where they receive sensitive and professional treatment that is the best hope for breaking the circle of violence.

I certainly hope SAFV continues to get the support needed to keep doing this important job.

Good Luck!

Cliff Tincher LCSW

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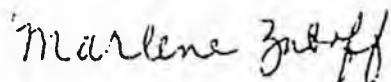
To Whom It May Concern;

Angoon Community Association is pleased to write a letter of support for Sitka Against Family Violence (SAFV).

SAFV has, through the past years, emergency shelter that the Angoon Community can use in cases of abuse and neglect. They also provide some workshops re: Child Abuse, neglect, stress, and women's support, to name a few. For this reason our Tribal Government, in-kind, provides space for the workshop, posts notices of future workshops, and announce on the Citizen Band radio all workshops available.

It is our hope that SAFV receive their needed grants for the much needed services they provide.

Sincerely,



Marlene Zuboff  
Executive Director



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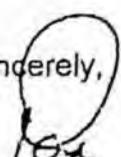
Christine A. McLeod  
Executive Director  
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PO Box 6136  
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Dear Ms. McLeod,

The services provided by your organization meet the needs of those persons who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and should be commended. Sitkans Against Family Violence is vital to the well-being of our community.

The City and Borough of Sitka is in full support of the goals and objectives of Sitkans Against Family Violence. The City of Sitka recently gave financial support to Sitkans Against Family Violence by providing a \$100,000. dollar loan at 0% interest for the purchase of its building. The City & Borough of Sitka continues to apply for and pass on to you those funds that are available to you through the State Revenue Sharing Program. Any efforts made by your organization in applying for grants need to be approved.

Sincerely,

  
Gary L. Paxton  
Municipal Administrator

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March 10, 1997

Christine A. McLeod, Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
P.O. Box 6136  
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Dear Ms. McLeod,

I am writing to express the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium's (SEARHC) strong support of the Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) grant application to the State of Alaska.

SAFV is invaluable to the communities of Sitka, Angoon and Kake. SEARHC unequivocally feels that this is an essential program. In addition to being a professional, culturally appropriate operation, it is the only provider in our area of this fundamentally important service. With the rate of domestic violence on the rise, it is imperative that programs, exemplified by SAFV, which effectively address this urgent problem be fully funded.

In closing, please be assured of SEARHC's endorsement of the SAFV application and commitment to future collaboration and support.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Gorman, Vice President  
Community Health Services