

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 1997-1998

Attention: Rep. Vic Koiring

Please do not cut the budget  
for  
~~to~~ mental health services in the  
valley. Many people and families have been  
helped. People ~~and~~ who may otherwise be  
indigent learn to be productive. Please  
consider the good that has been accomplished.

Marie L Ball  
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# Alaska State Legislature



Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance committee name  
committee on Budget/Medicaid Cuts, dated 3/24/97  
bill/subject

Your proposed cuts in the Medicaid program will only hurt Alaskan's today + for many years to come.

Elimination of substance abuse rehabilitative services (Option 15) will hurt families, businesses + everyone else who must live in Alaska.

It will increase costs for DFYS when mothers + fathers can't care for their children + when teenagers become pregnant (because they can't practise safe sex under the influence). It will cost the Judicial system in court cases for all the crimes + injuries caused by drugs + alcohol use. It will increase costs for law enforcement to investigate + apprehend law breakers. It will increase costs to imprison them. It will increase costs for mental care for addicts + their victims. It will increase cost of all levels of the welfare system + could seriously jeopardize the success of any welfare reform. This list can go on + on - substance abuse treatment pays for itself every time a man woman or child gets into recovery + becomes a contributing member of our society.

Signed: Ann Gully  
Testifier

A Recovering Alaskan  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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

*I attended the budget hearing, but was unable to speak due to lack of time, and too many speakers.*

*Please accept my attached written testimony, regarding the effects of Medicaid cuts on substance abuse programs.*

Signed: *[Signature]*  
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## Alaska State Legislature

### Testimony to Finance Committee

March 22, 1997

#### Medicaid Budget Cuts

##### IMPACT

The proposed cuts will totally eliminate any Medicaid for alcoholism and drug abuse treatment. This amount was \$1,522,209 in FY96.

##### RECENT BUY IN

It was only about two years ago that treatment programs had their budgets reduced so that money could be used to pay the state's share of Medicaid. This "buy-in" leveraged new federal Medicaid money. Other states have had Medicaid coverage for alcoholism/drug abuse treatment for years. We did not. So in Alaska we bought in to the program, it was not free.

##### BACK TO WORK INITIATIVE

Our public assistance offices are targeting large numbers of welfare recipients to go back to work. The local Mat-Su public assistance office estimates that 30-40% of welfare recipients have a significant alcoholism/drug abuse problem. We are counting on Medicaid to serve these people. Loss of it will severely limit treatment availability, and could result in failure of the welfare reform program.

##### WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Some say that alcoholics are responsible for their own disease. In fact, alcoholics are physically different in how their bodies process alcohol. Normal people can drink moderately; but for alcoholics drinking damages their ability to think and choose, creates severe distortions in personality, and harms themselves, their families and other innocent victims in the community. It is time we stop blaming alcoholics for their disease and instead provide the treatment needed for them to regain control of their lives again.

##### TREATMENT WORKS

Mat-Su Council has been following up on the clients who leave our treatment programs for the past three years. Results indicate that 75%-85% are maintaining abstinence a year later. There is also a drastic reduction in criminal and antisocial behavior. There is no cure for alcoholism, but through abstinence the disease can be managed and the person can return to a normal life. Our experience is not unique. State and national statistics also show that treatment works! The changes are dramatic when it does.

##### ECONOMICS

Think for a moment of the magnitude of alcoholism and drug abuse in Alaska. Do you have any doubt that it is the number one health problem in our state? At the state's long range financial planning sessions it was pointed out that the huge numbers of people in our criminal justice system will not decrease until we address the problem of alcoholism. It has a huge impact on spending for law enforcement, the courts, the corrections system, parole & probation, emergency medical services, state child protection services, and domestic violence programs. But treatment money has been spread so thin, it is a drop in the bucket compared to the size of the problem. If budgets must be cut, I would suggest that what money we do spend should be working for us. Alcoholism treatment funding is a wise investment.

(continued)

In conclusion, please don't be "penny wise and pound foolish". Adequately fund Medicaid for alcohol treatment so it will strengthen our economy, strengthen our people, and benefit all Alaskans.

If you would like to discuss this subject further, please call me at 376-4000.  
If you are ever in Wasilla, feel free to stop by. You are always welcome!

Sincerely,



Suzanne Frey  
Executive Director

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_  
 committee name  
 committee on \_\_\_\_\_, dated March 22, 1997  
 bill/subject

Palmer Pioneers' Home's seventy-two residents, for whom I am spokesperson, their individual guardians, conservators or other responsible parties, relatives and friends, singularly and collectively believe that Alaska has reneged on its contract to provide them a reasonable-priced old age home with variable care levels.

Furthermore, all these concerned persons regret and mourn that our Legislators seem to believe we are fat cats with extremely valuable hidden assets. Actually, except maybe for a very few late-comers, all residents of Palmer Pioneers' Home are long-time Alaskans who have contributed all their time, talent and resources to build our homes and communities, raise and educate our children, paid pre-oil taxes, called Alaska "Home", and scaled our retirement plans to include our Pioneers' Home.

All residents once were proud, productive persons. Today none of us has assets beyond social security, Longivity and maybe a modest pension, as well as an abiding faith in our State.

We did not plan to be welfare wards of Alaska, just as we did not plan to be burdens to our children. We had a Contract with Alaska to be taken care of in our last years for a reasonable fee.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CONTINUATION SHEET

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Patty Weisenberger*

Patty Weisenberger

Testifier

Palmer Pioneers' Home residents

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from PALMER PIONEERS' HOME RESIDENTS' SPOKESPERSON

Instead, we are demoralized, alienated, shamed and betrayed.

The very least the Legislature may have done is to grandfather the Pioneers' Home program, freezing rates for current residents (plus, of course COLA increases), and applying the drastic increased charges to rates for future applicants who then will have an option of undertaking the revised charges.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_ committee name

committee on \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

or even alive <sup>bill/subject</sup> and some people who they even are <sup>what's even wrong with</sup>  
 Some people I have been violent all there life not knowing right or wrong, put in hospitals, jails  
 But because of mental health, counselling, <sup>and taking time</sup> and help from the state, some of these people can live in supervised housing and try but still can't do it on there own. But because of <sup>Staff</sup> L.I. and medicaid, some of us can still try <sup>still alive</sup>  
 Its not a choice we have or even can control.  
 But you <sup>to what we all said</sup> all can listen understand what and you all can make the right choice  
 even

Thank you. The consumers of <sup>mental health</sup> ~~of Alaska~~ L.I.

Signed: Lona Olson  
 Testifier  
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My name is [unclear]

I am here representing more than 100 people from 12 who are consumers



# Alaska State Legislature

~~I am John Olson representing [unclear]~~

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

I am highly disgusted with the cuts. It should be checked out first of the people who can work ~~about~~ <sup>around</sup> but get paid under the table plus welfare stuff. But I do not like the mental illness people have a choice to be mentally ill. It is due to part of the brain. Chemical imbalance or accidents or form with it. Do you ever think it could happen to you? Some things cannot be helped. The kids <sup>at someone you know</sup> are our future. Some adults were abused as a child and now to this day, are suicidal, abuse to their children people around them. Just because mental health or disorder scare alot of people, we are the one with the illness ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> have to live with it. Do you all really know what each illness <sup>is</sup> and how we live in fear, not knowing if we will be institutionalized.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the FINANCE Committee  
 committee name  
ALL committee on Medicaid / Mental Health, dated 3-22-97  
 bill/subject

My 3 daughters now age's 4, 5 & 15 yrs old. who have been mentally, Physically & Sexually abused by their father/Stepfather. The 4 & 5 yr old's have been taken to a doctor and she confirmed the sexual abuse. They were first victimized by their father first. It took 6 months from the date we left that situation to disclose the name of the person who had sexually abused them. ON Dec. 1, 1996 my 5 yr old told me it was daddy. Then ON Dec. 5, 1996 my 4 yr old told me it was daddy. They were finally ready to talk to a female officer. I called the state Trooper's. I then got them row around of who was going to take the case. Since it happened in Anchorage, they wanted them to take it. ON JAN. 1<sup>st</sup> 1997 1 month later they were to listen to the girls. But by then the girls were both so scared again to talk about it. They are in the life long program as I am. Now March 20 1997 9 months later. Their signed: willing to talk. If the 8 million dollars cuts are made they will not get

Testifier

Elizabeth J. Neuhart

the help they need want to deserve. TO WORK THROUGH these devastating actions out.

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the FINANCE Committee  
 committee name  
 committee on Medicaid / mental Health, dated 3-22-97  
 bill/subject

I AM A CONSUMER OF Life Quest AS ARE 2 OF MY CHILDREN. FOR THOSE WHO KNOW SO LITTLE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH, IT'S EASY TO SAY, CUT THIS OUT OF THE BUDGET, WHEN IN FACT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT DEVASTATION THEY ARE CAUSING TO THE CLIENTS & FAMILIES WHO DESPERATELY NEED IT. IT'S NOT A HEALING PROCESS FOR THE CLIENTS ONLY, BUT THEIR FAMILIES ALSO.

WE ARE ALL CONCERNED WITH THE WAY THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ALREADY ACTING & THE THINGS THEY ARE GOING THROUGH (GUNS <sup>shootings</sup> & DRUGS AT SCHOOL ETC.) IF THE BUDGETS ARE CUT FOR MEDICAID & MENTAL HEALTH ETC. THEN WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE YOUNG IF THEY DON'T GET THE HELP THEY NEED & DESERVE. LOOKING INTO OUR IMPORTANT FUTURE IS A PRETTY SCARY PLACE.

Signed: Elizabeth Neukiech  
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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 Kircher  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Bill No 76  
 committee name  
 committee on Funding, dated March 22, 97.  
 bill/subject

As Alaska People's approach the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Alaskan families in many instances are caught in the grips of poverty and lower social economic status. Families in both rural and urban areas face many complex issues such as hunger, homelessness, parental drug/alcohol addiction and mental health issues. Problems often associated with chronic poverty are higher levels of crime, child abuse, and domestic violence. These societal problems call for increased, not decreased funding for programs that could invest in our disadvantaged populations to build programs to assist those looking for work, higher education, child care, medical benefits, and drug/alcohol programs. Increase not decrease our programs that target families.

Signed: Pat McKinlay (Patricia Rumburg)  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on Budget cuts, dated March 22, 96  
bill/subject

The proposed cuts to child care programs in regards to Welfare Reform should be increased, rather than decreased, (or entirely cut at this time.) Changes do need to be made, but not at the expense of our poor and disadvantaged populations: who are the most vulnerable populations? These populations include women, single head of families, children, disabled. Our Alaskan society demands an increase not decrease of funds. We need more dollars for programs to increase the education and well being of healthy Alaskan Families.

Signed: Patricia Rumburg  
Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Comm.  
 committee name  
 committee on Families, dated March 22, 97.  
 bill/subject

Funding for families in regards to the care and provision of mental health issues and regarding the proposed cuts in funding are appalling. Services targeting families and their care in terms of programs, need to be increased, not decreased, at this time in growing complex social problems. Populations that are affected by health + mental disabilities affect everybody in our society. What does legislative plans for a population that is unable to advocate for themselves? Simply turn loose families and children rather than to help and empower them to be productive contributing members of society.

Signed: Patricia Rumbour  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the finance committee  
 committee name  
 committee on budget cuts, dated March 22, 97.  
 bill/subject

By decreasing, not increasing funding to programs that will assist Alaskan families to become self sufficient and productive, contributing members of society, we will create a whole population of people who desperate to survive, may instead contribute to a more negative input such as crime, drug/alcohol abusers, people unable to have meaning of contributing to a strong society. We now need to invest in Alaska's future to support programs such as child care, mental health programs, job training, education, to give our people tools not just to survive but to thrive.

Signed: Pat Rumburg  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee  
 committee name  
 committee on budget cuts, dated March 22, 97  
 bill/subject

By decreasing, not increasing,  
 funding that will enable families with  
 children to be productive, contributing members  
 of society. Rather than decrease, increase  
 funds to child care programs,

Signed: Patricia Rumberg  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee  
 committee name  
 committee on budget cuts, dated March 22, 97  
 bill/subject

Alaskan law makers need to take another look at the proposed cuts that will impact our health and welfare programs of the disadvantaged populations of Alaska. Cuts to social and health programs now, will simply increase the social problems in the future. By cutting fundings to day care, job training, education, and mental health services, will only create a population of helplessness, hopeless people - unable to contribute as functioning strong members of society.

Signed: Patricia Rumburg  
 Testifier

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Mr. Vic Koshring

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 ~~so~~ food and to take me to my doctors appointments. The funds I get pays for my rent, ~~so~~ bills. With out medicaid I wouldn't be able to pay for my ~~medicaid~~ medication. Please don't cut mental health services, because I need the support I get from them.

Laura A. Adams  
c/o Life Quest  
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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

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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 DVK, 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 \$1700<sup>00</sup> a day for Charter North. **I NEED these SERVICES!**)

Signed: Jaymie Murphy  
 Testifier  
Wife Quest Self  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Rules Funding  
 committee name  
 committee on TL- 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 Boie  
 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

I'm 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: Jeresa M Kalfsbeel  
Testifier

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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 3/24/97  
bill/subject

I do not agree with the budget cuts  
 to dis ban the Science & Tech Center -  
 Alaska's one institute. 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 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 are hurting our youth 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 HINDIN  
 Testifier

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# 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 G. (Mira) Stevens  
 Testifier

A Concerned Citizen  
 Representing (Optional)

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Operating & Mental Health  
 committee on 75, dated 3-20-97.  
committee name  
appropriations

As a long time resident of the State of Alaska and a Senior Palmer Pioneer Home, I am also a spokesman for a resident there. A schedule has been already put into action to increase the rate of residency - No doubt an increase is warranted, but several hundred dollars per month!! - What is confusing and very puzzling - is that the increase does not add to the service provided - In fact services are being cut! - It doesn't make sense. It is unsettling to think that this will be the pattern to be followed - I think it is only fair that an explanation be given to each resident - detailing exactly what they are getting for their dollar - when financial security is state along with how much care will be given - their emotional well being is undermined - and they are made to feel like second-class citizens. Should you for the opportunity to express my feelings.

Signed: Love C. Hermon  
 Testifier

Hilda Hermon

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Operating Mental Health  
committee name appropriation  
committee on HB 75, dated March 21, 1997  
bill/subject

I am outraged at the large monthly rent increases being anticipated by our Pioneer Home residents, especially since their level of care is being reduced. These residents entered the Pioneer Homes in good faith that they would be able to afford to live out their lives there. Now they are facing unrealistic charges that most are unable to afford. Surely we can afford to take care of our senior citizens to the extent that we don't make paupers out of them. Please reconsider the implementation of these large rent increases.

Signed: Carol M. Strouse  
Testifier  
Myself  
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# **MAHAY'S RIVERBOAT SERVICE**



March 19, 1997

I own and operate a business in the upper Matanuska Valley, in the town of Talkeetna. I have operated this business for over 20 years and I am one of the largest employers in Talkeetna, with 32 employees. Without tourists my business would not be so successful.

I am appalled that the Finance Committee would even consider cutting funding for the Alaska Department of Tourism. Many other states and countries are increasing their marketing budgets for tourism, so they can compete as destinations (Hawaii spends 30 million a year on tourism marketing). The Department of Tourism can reach places I, and many other small business owners, can only dream about. They are an important resource for many small business owners throughout the state.

Tourism is one of the largest economic resources that Alaska has. Why would you risk losing the 1.6 billion in tourism dollars, last year's tourism revenue, to save 3.5 million now? All business owners know that you have to spend money to make money. Sounds like you need to go back to school and learn business basics.

Small business owners are the backbone of our state's, and also the nation's, economy. They have worked long and hard to make Alaska a choice destination. You are in effect saying that all that hard work doesn't matter, small business doesn't matter. Small business owners are your constituents.

Climb down from your glass towers and take a good look at your state, the state that you are supposed to be representing. What you will find is a bunch of people, real people, who love this state and can see a future for her without oil. This cannot happen if the Legislature keeps cutting funding for tourism.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Mahay  
President/CEO

**"Serving Sportfishermen Since 1977"**


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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance  
 committee name  
 committee on House Bill # 76, dated March 22, 1991  
 bill/subject

The proposed Medicaid cuts will be a grave detriment to the Mental Health services I receive. Without these funds my quality of life will suffer greatly. Please reconsider your recommendations!

Signed: 

Testifier

Bill Missoff

Representing (Optional)

Charles Boarding Home

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# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on HOUSEBILL 76, dated MARCH 22 1997  
bill/subject

I do not want the cuts to be made to the mental health monies. I am already suffering from previous cuts (glasses + teeth) I am concerned that further cuts would remove the services I receive to treat my mental illness. I believe the result would be API

Signed: Martin Hestert  
Testifier

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# 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 the cuts to be made to the mental health monies because of the great need for these funds.

I speak because I represent those who have difficulty expressing themselves.

Signed: Rashed Hanson  
 Testifier  
Life Quest  
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230 Carl Larson  
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# 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 the cuts to be made to the mental health monies because of the great need for these fund. Many of the people I represent would have a lesser quality of life, without the supports these funds provide.

Signed: Elizabeth Gabbaud  
Testifier  
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# 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 to cut

To Be made to the mental Health money's  
 Because of the Great ~~Need~~ Need for these  
 funds I am a consumer of  
 these funds

Signed: Billy Nick  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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

I do not want the cuts to be made to the mental Health monies because of the great need of these funds.

I am a consumer of these funds

Signed: [Signature]  
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# 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 cuts to substance abuse  
 rehab. services which would eliminate services  
 to addicted birth mothers and their children.  
 Thousands of Alaska children and adults  
 are affected by alcohol related defects. The  
 prevention and support for the healthy  
 beginning of each child's life (reducing  
 fetal alcohol syndrome and child abuse/neglect)  
 will ultimately increase the productivity  
 of our state's citizens. Pay for prevention  
 now or pay millions later.

Signed: Charles F. Himsin  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Wasilla-Big Lake Area  
 committee name  
 committee on Mental Illness, dated 3/22/94  
 bill/subject

Please Please and more Please - Do NOT  
 cut any \$'s for Medicare, Medicaid, Mental  
 Illness - We are living with out medicaid,  
 dental care & vision, and much more  
 housing set. I can go on and on. I'm a  
 working Full time person. I don't apply for  
 many benefits. But what comes out of my  
 very small pay check hurts now. I help  
 many mental ill & senior citizens out of my  
 own pocket. Because some can't afford medicaid  
 look for monies else where like out of your personal  
 pay check. Most of these people live from day to  
 day month to hand. always a dollar short always  
 owing. Don't cut are Benefits.

Signed: Deanne Huckstep  
 Testifier

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P.O. Box 521455 Big Lake AK 99652  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance  
 committee name  
 committee on HB 16 Budget, dated March 22, 1997  
 bill/subject

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed cuts in Community Mental Health Grants and Community Developmental Disabilities Grants, as well as, Institutions and Administration.

While you have willingly funded the deinstitutionalization of many of Alaska's citizens from Harborview Developmental Center and Alaska Psychiatric Institute, you are now pulling the rug out from under long term supports for these individuals. You have misled and lied to many parents and advocates who suspected this would happen after "safety nets" such as HDC and API were closed and downsized. These actions are unethical and I strongly advise reconsideration of this budget.

Signed: Melissa Saunders

Testifier

Melissa Saunders

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# 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 the cuts to be made to the mental health monies because of the great need of these funds.

I am a consumer of these funds

Signed: Bash William Missoff  
Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Rep. Vic Kohring  
committee name  
 committee on House Bill No. 76, dated 03-22-97  
bill/subject

This written statement is another reminder of a written submitted statement dated 03-20-97.

This is to please up keep out neoptics prescribed drugg, psychiatrist appts and/or at least psychologists. Again a solution to reinstate for find or form a grant for dental, glasses & hearing aids

Signed: Grace A. Samelson  
Testifier

private citizen  
Representing (Optional)

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance  
 committee name  
 committee on HB 710, dated March 22, 1999.  
 bill/subject

I am strongly opposed to the proposed budget cuts for Community Mental Health Services, as well as, medical services. These cuts will have a severely detrimental effect on the quality of my life.

Signed: Charlesde Janulek  
 Testifier  
Nadezda Janulek  
 Representing (Optional)  
Po. Box. 521059.  
 Address  
Big Lake Alaska  
 Phone No. 882-9006



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee  
committee name  
 committee on HB 75/76, dated 3-22-97  
bill/subject

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Signed: Martin Hopkins  
Testifier  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the             

committee name

committee on Budget cuts, dated 3/22/97  
bill/subject

I'm a disabled 32 year old living SS ADFC to raise my son who is 2 1/2. I'm mentally ill and don't know what I do without medicide to pay for meds and health care for my self & son. I've come along way in the past 5 years to be useful to everyone and if you take away money medicide and other programs that help the disabled, I know I will fall backward and may be hospitalized than my son will need your care more and where is he going to be. I've been sober 1 year and doing well but I feel I won't be sober if I'm forced to go on meds because there is no funding for it. We all need this for our children the funding to keep them safe and with there families. The older ALASKA ENS ARE in needed and need the funding too! Our children cant fight for them selfs so I'm here today to let you know how I feel.

Signed: Jonna K. Varney  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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# Alaska State Legislature

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

I understand that Mental health in Alaska has plenty of money yet each year the budget gets cut. I would be interested in where all their money is.

My daughter has been Mentally Ill for 17 years & I have had to fight for everything she gets, and that seems to be the case all over the country. API was cut to the breaking point and every year its cut more. The mentally ill are not able to fight for themselves so they are easy to ignore, they end up on the streets or worse and then they are invissable & everyone can pretend the problem doesn't exist but they do & most of them have families who love them, we give up on the system because the courts & laws make it so hard for us to get anything done for them.

We need more money for Mentally Ill not less.

I don't know how you ~~sleep~~ sleep at night knowing  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the street people are mentally ill, & when its 20 below they are ~~sleeping~~ sleeping & dying on the streets!

I love my daughter & I want her taken care of, we cannot cut what personnel & facilities we have left. if you do cut medicade why don't you just admit you don't care & shut the whole thing down. Life & death & the police are the only help I get

Signed: Carol Bragg  
 Testifier

~~Mental Health~~ Mental Health  
 Representing (Optional)

HC 33 Box 2998 AB Wasilla Alaska 99654  
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907-373-2991  
 Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on DHSS/Healthy Families, dated 3/22/97  
bill/subject

I am opposed to cuts in the budget that will negatively impact the most vulnerable families in our state. The Healthy Families program provides homevisiting support to families who are expecting or who have new infants. It is well established that if money is spent on preventative services, the long term savings is astounding. We provide education and hands on assistance to families in an effort to increase their success + self-sufficiency. It works!

When people have the tools they need to provide for their families, the family is so much more likely to remain together, be stable and productive. Supporting children + families is critical for the future. For every \$3- spent on Healthy Families, \$6- will be saved on special education, corrections, medical and foster care needs at a later date. Prevention is most effective. Funding for WIC, domestic violence shelters and medicaid, as well as mental health funding can not be cut if we want to avoid future crises.

All Alaskan's have rights and most want to be productive members of society ~ women, children and people who have disabilities or mental health challenges must not be further stressed by budget cuts!

Signed: Kristin Vernola  
Testifier

Mat-Su Community Families  
Representing (Optional)

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Please -  
support the  
Governor's  
Budget !!!



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Rules Committee  
 committee name  
 committee on 786, dated 3/22/97  
 bill/subject

I do not believe cuts to budget as far as mental health are in the best interest of the state of Alaska. I would not have the limited services that now exist. The quality of life would change for me and those people like me. Case management and other services are important in keeping the quality of life for me at present level.

Signed: Christopher J. Woodard  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance  
 committee name  
 committee on 75 / 76, dated 3 22 97  
 bill/subject

I have waited 2 hours this morning to testify before you concerning the budget proposals. Our LIO is overflowing and listening to others on-line, I realize how many folks are affected by the harsh cuts, to essential services, that are being made. I hesitate to write this because I truly believe it won't be read - but my voice is this: when Medicare is cut it affects many areas - the Developmentally Disabled as well. Folks that, for some reason, are missing a limb need to be able to have access to a basic need - to be independent through prosthetics. I am a mother of 5 sons - 2 have disabilities. We don't qualify for medicare services because my husband chooses to work. We PAY, in huge lumps into the welfare system through taxation, I want you to be conservative BUT - remember these folks as people with feelings - dreams - & joys. To keep basic care from these folks is not your job as our elected representative. →

Signed: Susan K Gilbert  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on Budget cuts, dated 3/22/97  
bill/subject

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

I am a middle manager in a social service agency for families in the Mat-Su Borough and a formerly homeless mother of 5. Cutting prevention services is not financial wisdom. Cutting monies with matching federal funds is counter productive in the profoundest sense. Before getting my present job - I was homeless with 4 small kids and a newborn. Without the WIC program - my kids would never have tasted juice or cheese. Without child care assistance I would have paid \$7<sup>th</sup> over my hourly wage for childcare. Now, I own my home, am 3 credits from a Bachelor of Social Work degree, and have 3 children in college. Without Alaska Works + childcare programs, you will be releasing families into a stream of poverty as if they were catch and release trout. Without preventative medical assistance and public health services - we pay increased costs in treatment of disease and disabilities. Without child protection services at DFYS Healthy Families + youth probation - social costs will rise. Social Service workers in Mat-Su are already swamped.

Signed: Kelli Mahoney  
Testifier

Mat-Su resident  
Representing (Optional)

925 Lone Club Way, Wasilla, AK 99654  
Address

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# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on Bill #75, dated March 22, 1997  
bill/subject

On behalf of the Palmer Senior Citizens Center I would like to voice our opposition to a proposal to cut an additional \$50,000 from the Department of Senior Services' budget component for Protection and Community Services. This cut would likely result in a position reduction of an Adult Protective Social Worker or an Assisted Living Licensing Worker. Currently, there are not enough workers to adequately perform these vital services to the most vulnerable adults.

Case loads and responsibility for these programs has risen dramatically. Alaska has the second most rapidly growing senior population in the nation and this trend is projected to continue each year.

A reduction of a Protective Services or Licensing Worker will result in programs such as the Palmer Senior Center being inundated with adults living in abusive or high-risk situations. We already experience this on a regular basis. Because we have no authority to act in these situations, we rely heavily on Protective Services and Licensing to resolve the crises in the best interest of these vulnerable adults. If these cases are not investigated in a timely manner, one institutionalized person will cost the State more than \$50,000.

Please reconsider the proposed cut and fund OSS at an amount adequate to preserve the safety and well-being of our most vulnerable adults.

Signed: Jill Eblen, Care Coordination Supervisor

Testifier

Palmer Senior Citizens Center, Inc.

Representing (Optional)

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# Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on MEDICAID - MENTAL HEALTH, dated 3/22/97  
bill/subject

*I wish to share my concerns regarding the cuts proposed for Medicaid Funding which will directly impact services to the mentally ill, severely emotionally disturbed, disadvantaged & disabled. Alaskans, all Alaskans, have a State Constitutional right to basic care. The proposed cuts will negate those rights for some specific individuals.*

*Mentally ill and/or severely emotionally disturbed children, adolescents, and adults "do not choose" to be such. Community resources and services need to be increased not decreased. Case Management and Rehab services are vital to supporting the progress and success toward self-reliance.*

*Please reconsider the cuts to mental health.*

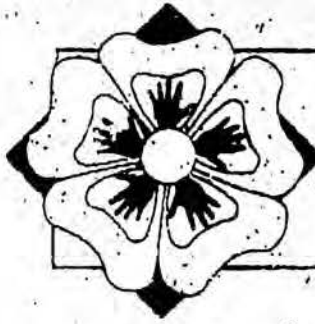
Signed: *James A. Stata*  
Testifier

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# F · N · A

## Fairbanks Native Association

March 25, 1997

Representative Gene Therriault  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

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Dear Representative Therriault:

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Can any assistance be provided through your office to assure that non-division employment service providers who are providing cost effective service (approximately \$220 per client) such as FNA are not defunded in FY98 as the divisions method to absorb House budget reductions.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you or your staff have any questions whatsoever regarding this matter, please give me a call at 452-1648 ext. 223.

Sincerely,

John W. Regitano  
Executive Director

cc: Representative Mark Hanley, Co-Chair  
Representative Pete Kelly  
Representative John Davies  
Correspondence Out-Ex



**SOUTH EAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CORPORATION**  
**222 TONGASS DRIVE • SITKA, ALASKA 99835 • (907) 966-2411**

MT. EDGECLIMBE HOSPITAL

Date: 3/21/97

To: Christine A. McLeod  
Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
Box 6136  
Sitka AK 99835

Dear Ms. McLeod

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Cliff Tincher LCSW

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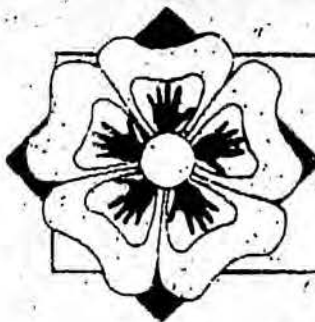
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Sitka School District  
307 Kashevaroff Street  
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and responsible citizens."



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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MT. EDGE CUMBE HOSPITAL

Date: 3/21/97

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# *Angoon Community Association*

P.O. BOX 188 - ANGOON, ALASKA 99820 - (907) 788-3411 - FAX (907) 788-3412

March 12, 1997

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*

Marlene Zuboff  
Executive Director



# City and Borough of Sitka

100 LINCOLN STREET • SITKA, ALASKA 99835

Providing for Today ... Preparing for Tomorrow

March 12, 1997


Christine A. McLeod  
Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
PO Box 6136  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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



# SOUTH EAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

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March 10, 1997

Christine A. McLeod, Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
P.O. Box 6136  
Sitka, AK 99835


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



# City and Borough of Sitka

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

304 Lake Street, Room 102 • Sitka, Alaska 99835

Lynn F. Lamm  
Chief of Police

Business 747-3245  
Fax 747-1075

March 12, 1997

Christine MCLEOD, Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
P.O. Box 6136  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Ms. MCLEOD,

I am writing in support of the SAFV Shelter in Sitka. The shelter and staff provide essential services for victims of Domestic Abuse cases and Sexual Assault cases. I have worked for the Sitka Police Department for almost ten years. I have great respect and admiration for the advocates I have worked with during my tenure.

SAFV provides an invaluable service for the Sitka Police Department by providing a shelter for victims in domestic cases. Your counseling and advocacy services give us the ability to provide a direction for a domestic abuse or sexual assault victim to turn.

I support SAFV's efforts to provide advocacy and educational services to teens. Every year I invariably conduct investigations involving teens, alcohol, and sexual abuse. These cases may vary from an alcohol related "date rape" to the young person being victimized by an adult who has been partying with them. These cases are usually difficult to prosecute. The young victim walks away from the situation with a sense that they were not believed and there is no justice for what has happened.

Young persons involved in domestic disputes often feel intense frustration and have very low self esteem. Any services dealing with teen education and awareness in domestics and sexual cases would be beneficial to Sitka. The community has little if any services relating to young persons in these instances.

I would like to offer any support I can to the SAFV shelter staff.

Sincerely,

Barry C. ALLEN  
Sergeant, Patrol Div.



# City and Borough of Sitka

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March 12, 1997

Christine MCLEOD, Executive Director  
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P.O. Box 6136  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Ms. MCLEOD,

I am writing in support of the SAFV Shelter in Sitka. The shelter and services provided through SAFV have been valuable and essential. SAFV continues to do an outstanding job and is an invaluable asset to the Police Dept. and the persons SAFV serves.

SAFV and the Sitka Police Department are continuing a longstanding cooperative relationship. SAFV becomes an invaluable asset to the Police Dept. during domestic abuse cases. They provide essential services and assistance to victims of domestic violence that cannot be easily or readily provided by officers or other elements of the community.

SAFV provides other services and support for adults and children who have been victims or witnesses to domestic violence or sexual assault.

We are supportive of SAFV's proposal to increase advocacy and education with Sitka's teens.

The Sitka Police Department continues to actively support SAFV and the people SAFV serves.

Sincerely,

Lynn F. LAMM  
Chief of Police



## SITKA TEEN RESOURCE CENTER

PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION  
P.O. BOX 11200 SITKA ALASKA 99833  
907 747-3500 FAX 907 747 3103

10 Mar 97

To: Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault  
Department of Public Safety  
Box 11200  
Juneau, AK 99811-1200

Dear CDVSA,

The Sitka Teen Resource Center (STRC) and Sitka Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) are in complete support of the Sitkans Against Family Violence programs. They are the primary service in Sitka that provides shelter, counseling, advocacy, and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual support.

The two above agencies, STRC and SCAODA, are in the process of merging and have been discussing future collaborations between our services and SAFV. This is an exciting opportunity and the spirit of cooperation shown by SAFV is a needed model here, as well as all over Southeast.

The teen center and SCAODA both utilize the services of SAFV as our primary referral source for abuse situations. Please carefully consider the needs of the SAFV program and its residents who rely on this program.

Sincerely,

Jeff Budd  
Executive Director  
STRC/SCAODA

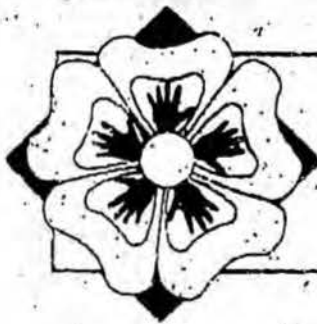
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## Fairbanks Native Association

March 25, 1997

Representative Gene Therriault  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

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Dear Representative Therriault:

I am writing to express my concern regarding funding in FY98 for Fairbanks Native Association's (FNA) employment program, which due to the strong support by yourself and the rest of the interior delegation has been an effective job training and placement program through the years. My concern is that in past years FNA's program has been delineated as an identified line item or the organization has received some assurance that the division would contract with/through FNA for service.

Even though FNA and a consortium of local agencies have been working closely with Jim Nordlund, Director Division of Public Assistance (DPA), to develop a plan for the Fairbanks North Star Borough that would assist the State in meeting its obligations to the Federal government under TANF. The current funding status per discussion with the DPA is that FNA has no commitment from the Division for continued support. The Division's position is that FNA's prior year funding is included in the Alaska Works Program budget line item and if the governor's request of \$3,967.5 million is reduced by \$2,000.0 million by the house there will likely be no contracts with agencies outside the division to address the welfare issue/clients.

Can any assistance be provided through your office to assure that non-division employment service providers who are providing cost effective service (approximately \$220 per client) such as FNA are not defunded in FY98 as the divisions method to absorb House budget reductions.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you or your staff have any questions whatsoever regarding this matter, please give me a call at 452-1648 ext. 223.

Sincerely,



John W. Repitano  
Executive Director

cc: Representative Mark Hanley, Co-Chair  
Representative Pete Kelly  
Representative John Davies  
Correspondence Out-Ex



Sitka School District  
307 Kashevarov Street  
Sitka, Alaska 99835  
(907)747-8395

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and responsible citizens."



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*



**SOUTH EAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CORPORATION**  
**222 TONGASS DRIVE • SITKA, ALASKA 99835 • (907) 966-2411**

MT. EDGECLIMBE HOSPITAL

Date: 3/21/97

To: Christine A. McLeod  
Executive Director  
Sickans Against Family Violence  
Box 6136  
Sitka AK 99835

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!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cliff Tincher".

Cliff Tincher LCSW

# Angoon Community Association

P.O. BOX 188 - ANGOON, ALASKA 99820 - (907) 788-3411 - FAX (907) 788-3412

March 12, 1997

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*

Marlene Zuboff  
Executive Director



# City and Borough of Sitka

100 LINCOLN STREET • SITKA, ALASKA 99835

Providing for Today ... Preparing for Tomorrow

March 12, 1997

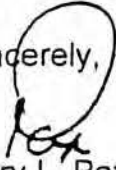
Christine A. McLeod  
Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
PO Box 6136  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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



# SOUTH EAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

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March 10, 1997

Christine A. McLeod, Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
P.O. Box 6136  
Sitka, AK 99835

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



March 12, 1997

# City and Borough of Sitka

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

304 Lake Street, Room 102 • Sitka, Alaska 99835

Lynn F. Lamm  
Chief of Police

Business 747-3245  
Fax 747-1075

Christine MCLEOD, Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
P.O. Box 6136  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Ms. MCLEOD.

I am writing in support of the SAFV Shelter in Sitka. The shelter and staff provide essential services for victims of Domestic Abuse cases and Sexual Assault cases. I have worked for the Sitka Police Department for almost ten years. I have great respect and admiration for the advocates I have worked with during my tenure.

SAFV provides an invaluable service for the Sitka Police Department by providing a shelter for victims in domestic cases. Your counseling and advocacy services give us the ability to provide a direction for a domestic abuse or sexual assault victim to turn.

I support SAFV's efforts to provide advocacy and educational services to teens. Every year I invariably conduct investigations involving teens, alcohol, and sexual abuse. These cases may vary from an alcohol related "date rape" to the young person being victimized by an adult who has been partying with them. These cases are usually difficult to prosecute. The young victim walks away from the situation with a sense that they were not believed and there is no justice for what has happened.

Young persons involved in domestic disputes often feel intense frustration and have very low self esteem. Any services dealing with teen education and awareness in domestics and sexual cases would be beneficial to Sitka. The community has little if any services relating to young persons in these instances.

I would like to offer any support I can to the SAFV shelter staff.

Sincerely,

Barry C. ALLEN  
Sergeant, Patrol Div.



# City and Borough of Sitka

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March 12, 1997

Christine MCLEOD, Executive Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
P.O. Box 6136  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Ms. MCLEOD,

I am writing in support of the SAFV Shelter in Sitka. The shelter and services provided through SAFV have been valuable and essential. SAFV continues to do an outstanding job and is an invaluable asset to the Police Dept. and the persons SAFV serves.

SAFV and the Sitka Police Department are continuing a longstanding cooperative relationship. SAFV becomes an invaluable asset to the Police Dept. during domestic abuse cases. They provide essential services and assistance to victims of domestic violence that cannot be easily or readily provided by officers or other elements of the community.

SAFV provides other services and support for adults and children who have been victims or witnesses to domestic violence or sexual assault.

We are supportive of SAFV's proposal to increase advocacy and education with Sitka's teens.

The Sitka Police Department continues to actively support SAFV and the people SAFV serves.

Sincerely,

Lynn F. LAMM  
Chief of Police



## SITKA TEEN RESOURCE CENTER

PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION  
P.O. BOX 1084 SITKA ALASKA 99833  
907 747 3600 FAX 907 747 3003

10 Mar 97

To: Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault  
Department of Public Safety  
Box 11200  
Juneau, AK 99811-1200

Dear CDVSA,

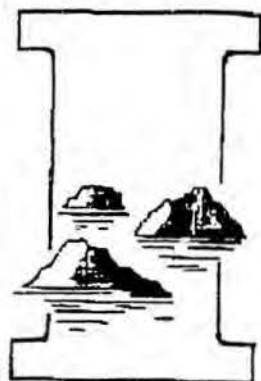
The Sitka Teen Resource Center (STRC) and Sitka Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) are in complete support of the Sitkans Against Family Violence programs. They are the primary service in Sitka that provides shelter, counseling, advocacy, and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual support.

The two above agencies, STRC and SCAODA, are in the process of merging and have been discussing future collaborations between our services and SAFV. This is an exciting opportunity and the spirit of cooperation shown by SAFV is a needed model here, as well as all over Southeast.

The teen center and SCAODA both utilize the services of SAFV as our primary referral source for abuse situations. Please carefully consider the needs of the SAFV program and its residents who rely on this program.

Sincerely,

Jeff Budd  
Executive Director  
STRC/SCAODA



## Islands Counseling Services

1310-A Sawmill Creek Road - Sitka, Alaska 99835  
Phone (907)747-8994 -- Fax (907)747-6801

A Division of Sitka Mental Health Clinic, Inc.

March 21, 1997

Christine McLeod, Director  
Sitkans Against Family Violence  
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### RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Ms. McLeod:

Please accept this letter as a statement of support of SAFV on behalf of both Islands Counseling Services, and myself, personally.

Islands Counseling Services considers SAFV an invaluable asset to our community. There are many occupancies where a client of Islands Counseling is in need of a place where they feel safe. The shelter has never failed to provide a place to meet that need.

Over the years Islands Counseling staff have participated in cooperative projects with SAFV staff. We have had a strong working relationship with them over the years and we are continually impressed with their ability to deliver outstanding services to a very challenged clientele. Their staff has been very good at accepting referrals from us and have likewise made appropriate referrals back.

My staff and I wholeheartedly support continued funding of SAFV.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Boyd, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

# 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

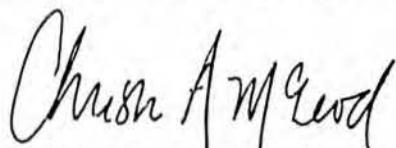


Member of the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
United Way Member Agency

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine A. McLeod".

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

Mary Lauer  
510 Kinkead  
Sitka, Alaska 99835  
907-747-5752 home; 907-747-7728 work  
TFMFL@acad1.alaska.edu

PLEASE ENTER THESE COMMENTS AS TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING ON MARCH 22, 1997 @ 9:30

Alaska Vocational Technical Center is facing budget cuts of \$77,000 in its general fund budget. This cut will deeply affect delivery of programs at a time when the state faces an increased need for vocational training.

Through one program alone, the state mandated welfare-to-work program, demand for vocational training could increase dramatically. AVTEC is researching new areas of vocational training to meet these demands in areas not presently served, such as computer network maintenance training.

In addition to meeting the need for new areas of service, there is an ongoing need to meet the vocational needs of heavy industry, such as the Red Dog Mine. AVTEC is responsive to the training needs of industries needing short-term training, and is especially able to respond rapidly to industry's short-term special-interest training needs.

AVTEC served 1762 students during FY96. Of the students who enrolled in FY96, 84.4% graduated (1345) or completed their skills upgrade program. Based on previous years data the graduation rate is expected to be approximately 72% for full-term and 91% for short-term.

I am employed in continuing education full-time at the University and recognize that this is a phenomenal record of success. I believe that AVTEC's record of success will be greatly affected by any budget cuts at a time when training needs in the state are increasing—needs that they are perfectly positioned to fulfill.

Mary Lauer  
AVTEC Advisory Board Member

*Mary Lauer*

*Ted Howard*

319 Peterson St.  
Sitka, AK 99835  
907-747-5482  
jstoh@ptialaska.net

March 21, 1997

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

I support wholeheartedly the proposed increase in budgeted funds for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

I have lived in Sitka for 11 years and for the past 4, have been a member of the Board of Directors for Sitkans Against Family Violence, the only local service for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Each year, we have seen the number of cases rise and felt the increased need for the services of the shelter. The price of "doing business" has gone up. Supplies and food have risen in cost, heating costs have escalated and insurance fees for our employees and for liability have swollen. Funding has not kept pace.

The Council has done a marvelous job parceling out the funds it has been given but each year the need has risen and the Council has found itself having to say no to deserving programs.

Please give the Council enough ammunition to fight this war on domestic violence. Please support House Bill 75.

Thank You,  
Ted Howard

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.

Cayrn Coleman  
SAFV Advocate



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

A FAX FROM THE PALMER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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House and Senate Finance Committee Members  
TO: Senate Finance Natural Resources Subcommittee Members

FROM: Carol M. Strouse, President *CS*

Palmer Historical Society

I understand there is the possibility that large cuts will be made in the Office of History and Archaeology budget. These cuts will delay and increase costs for developers of historic properties, reduce assistance to local governments and historical societies, and increase the possibility of litigation when historic & archaeological sites are not protected.

The OHA has been instrumental in developing and enforcing historic covenants on our endangered historical properties in Palmer.

It is imperative that we keep a viable OHA program in our state. The proposed deep cuts will endanger the preservation of Alaska's cultural heritage and cause us to lose federal certification and matching funds.

# FAX

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**Box 20393**  
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To: House Finance Committee

Date: 25 Mar 97

From: Bill Leighty

Comments:

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Dear Representatives:

Please do not decimate environmental protection, in the name of budget cuts or industrial facilitation.

Let Alaska be wiser than to repeat the mistakes made everywhere else in the USA. We needed only 200 years to ruin much of the lower '48. We could do the same in a few decades, in Alaska. Let's not.

Let's leave some options for future generations. Let's figure out how to meet our needs without compromising their ability to meet their needs. We may need to redefine our "needs". We're all in the same lifeboat, for a long time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William C. Leighty  
Principal

March 20, 1997

Attn.: Rep. Mark Hanley,

**I am voicing my displeasure over the proposed cut in the tourism budget.**

**Tourism is the major industry in Alaska, and unlike many industries, it benefits the majority of the producing people in Alaska.**

**Cut all of the giveaway programs that need cutting such as:**

- 1. Agriculture subsidy.**
- 2. Porkbarrel welfare.**
- 3. Sacred cow education, which doesn't benefit our children, but simply creates high paying positions in our government which we need like a big bushy tail!**

**Stop Permanent fund checks to:**

- 1. Anyone living outside Alaska, including military.**
- 2. Anyone in jail or on welfare.**

**Stop punishing the producing people in Alaska, and cut the size of Government.**

Sincerely,



**Les Fickes  
D.B.A., Riverview Quick Stop  
Riverview RV Park  
Riverview Seafood Cook**