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Comparison FY2004 Trust Recommendations to March 5, 2003 Budget Release

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1					Alcohol/ Other Drug Abuse Treatment/ Prevention*	AHFC Dividends	TOTAL				Alcohol/ Other Drug Abuse Treatment/ Prevention*	AHFC Dividends	TOTAL	Total Funds Difference	
2	DEPARTMENT/ BRU/COMPONENT	MHTAAR	MHT - Admin	GF/MH				MHTAAR	MHT - Admin	GF/MH					
434	Adult Day Facility Modifications	125.0		125.0			250.0						0.0	-250.0	
435	ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	212.5	0.0	712.5	0.0	0.0	925.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
436	HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES														
437	Integrated Behavioral Health Information System			500.0			500.0						0.0	-500.0	
438	Safe Harbor Addition	300.0		300.0			600.0	300.0					300.0	-300.0	
439	Repair/Replace Village-Based Counselors Offices	75.0					75.0	75.0					75.0	0.0	
440	Replace Rural Community Mental Health Centers	250.0					250.0	250.0					250.0	0.0	
441	Consumer Designed and Managed Projects	131.3					131.3	131.3					131.3	0.0	
442	API Stop Gap Repairs			225.0			225.0						0.0	-225.0	
443	MicroEnterprise Funds	75.0		75.0			150.0	75.0					75.0	-75.0	
444	Coordinated Resource Sharing	150.0					150.0	150.0					150.0	0.0	
445	Essential Program Equipment	250.0		250.0			500.0	250.0					250.0	-250.0	
446	Van / Vehicle and Housing Modifications for Families or Individuals	300.0		300.0			600.0	300.0					300.0	-300.0	
447	Deferred Maintenance - Accessibility	333.3		666.7			1,000.0	333.3					333.3	-666.7	
448	Integrating Cultural Resources Into ADRD Programs/ Environments						0.0	87.5					87.5	87.5	
449	Adult Day Facility Modifications						0.0	125.0					125.0	125.0	
450	H&SS Housing Program	150.0				600.0	750.0	150.0				250.0	400.0	-350.0	
451	Transitional Housing						0.0				1,000.0		1,000.0	1,000.0	
452	Fairbanks Detoxification Unit Expansion and Renovation						0.0				1,000.0		1,000.0	1,000.0	
453	Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities for Women and Children						0.0				500.0		500.0	500.0	
454	HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TOTAL	2,014.6	0.0	2,316.7	0.0	600.0	4,931.3	2,227.1	0.0	0.0	2,500.0	250.0	4,977.1		
455	NATURAL RESOURCES														
456	Trust Land Office Land Development & Value Enhancement	600.0					600.0	600.0					600.0	0.0	
457	NATURAL RESOURCES TOTAL	600.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	600.0	600.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	600.0		
458	REVENUE / AHFC														
459	Homeless Assistance Program	500.0				500.0	1,000.0	500.0				250.0	750.0	-250.0	
460	Beneficiary & Special Needs Housing					1,750.0	1,750.0					1,200.0	1,200.0	-550.0	
461	REVENUE / AHFC TOTAL	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,250.0	2,750.0	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,450.0	1,950.0		
462	TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES														
463	Transportation Needs	412.5		412.5			825.0	412.5		412.5			825.0	0.0	
464	TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TOTAL	412.5	0.0	412.5	0.0	0.0	825.0	412.5	0.0	412.5	0.0	0.0	825.0		

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405														
406	CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTAL	3,739.6	0.0	3,441.7	0.0	2,850.0	10,031.3	3,739.6	0.0	412.5	2,500.0	1,700.0	8,352.1	
467	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	8,838.8	1,190.2	141,619.3	3,600.0	0.0	155,248.5	9,087.4	1,199.1	101,940.3	18,027.2	0.0	130,254.0	-24,994.5
468	TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	12,578.4	1,190.2	145,061.2	3,600.0	2,850.0	165,279.8	12,827.0	1,199.1	102,352.8	20,527.2	1,700.0	138,606.1	-24,994.5

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March 5, 2003

The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

The comprehensive mental health budget bill delivered today contains my proposal for the 2004 fiscal year.

This Administration has gone through an extensive process to evaluate state programs in order to prepare the state budget. Given our current financial situation, many programs are held at current levels, some are reduced, and a few are eliminated. A copy of the report to the Mental Health Trust Authority is attached.

I look forward to working closely with this Legislature to jointly craft a responsive state budget that efficiently provides Alaska residents essential state services at a cost that the state can afford over the long-term.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

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January 23, 2003

Mr. Phil Younker, Sr., Chair
Members of the Board of Trustees
Mr. Jeff Jessee, Executive Director
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1820
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Younker, Members of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Jessee:

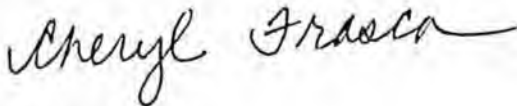
Thank you for your continuing efforts and dedication to the goals of the Mental Health Trust. As always, we appreciate the work you do to better serve the beneficiaries of the Trust.

As you know, the new administration came into office on December 2, 2002. The Governor is continuing to review the full range of requests from the various state agencies, so we felt it best to submit a "placeholder" budget based on the FY2003 budget. Full consideration will be given to each of your requests including the Alcohol Tax package. The Administration plans to submit the budget, as well as a mental health package, prior to the March 6 deadline for Governor's budget amendments.

We commend you for your biennial budget approach, your work on results based budgeting, your on-going work toward replacing the Alaska Psychiatric Institute and continuing the API Mental Health Community plan.

I will be communicating further with you once the Governor's budget proposal is finalized. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Frasca
Director

Attachment

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3	ADMINISTRATION													
4	Alaska Longevity Programs													
5	Pioneers Homes			10,340.8			10,340.8			10,340.8			10,340.8	0.0
6	<i>Gero-Psychiatrist</i>	125.0		125.0			250.0						0.0	-250.0
7	AK Longevity Prgms Mgt			64.3			64.3			64.3			64.3	0.0
8	Total AK Longevity Prgms	125.0	0.0	10,530.1	0.0	0.0	10,655.1	0.0	0.0	10,405.1	0.0	0.0	10,405.1	-250.0
	Senior Svcs.						0.0							
9	Protoc. Comm Svcs, Admin (PCSA)			910.6			910.6			910.6			910.6	0.0
11	<i>Rural LTC Development</i>	110.0					110.0	97.3					97.3	-12.7
12	<i>Quality Assurance</i>	100.0					100.0	178.9					178.9	78.9
13	<i>Bd Dev-Rural Issues ACoA</i>	15.0					15.0	15.0					15.0	0.0
	<i>Delegation of Adult Protective Services in Rural Areas</i>	75.0		75.0			150.0			0.0			0.0	-150.0
15	<i>ACoA Planner</i>	75.5					75.5	75.5					75.5	0.0
16	Total PCSA	375.5	0.0	985.6	0.0	0.0	1,361.1	366.7	0.0	910.6	0.0	0.0	1,277.3	-83.8
17	Home & Comm Based Services			1,871.6			1,871.6			1,871.6			1,871.6	0.0
18	<i>ADRD Support Services</i>	250.0		250.0			500.0						0.0	-500.0
19	<i>Geriatric Education/Training</i>	250.0					250.0						0.0	-250.0
	<i>Innovative Respite/Chores - all beneficiaries</i>	187.5		187.5			375.0	375.0					375.0	0.0
21	<i>Elders with Co-Occurring Disorders</i>	190.0					190.0						0.0	-190.0
22	<i>Subst Abuse Trtmt - Elderly</i>						0.0	299.0					299.0	299.0
23	<i>Mini-grants for ADRD Beneficiaries</i>	257.2					257.2	200.0					200.0	-57.2
24	<i>Day Treatment for CMI Elderly</i>						0.0	350.0					350.0	350.0
25	<i>Family Caregiver Support</i>						0.0	300.0					300.0	300.0
26	<i>ADRD Trng - In-home Providers</i>						0.0	250.0					250.0	250.0
27	<i>Adult Day Quality Enhancement</i>						0.0	25.0					25.0	25.0
	Total Home & Community Based Svcs	1,134.7	0.0	2,309.1	0.0	0.0	3,443.8	1,799.0	0.0	1,871.6	0.0	0.0	3,670.6	226.8
29	Home Health						0.0						0.0	0.0
30	<i>Comprehensive Assessment</i>						0.0	51.3					51.3	51.3
31	Total Senior Svcs	1,510.2	0.0	3,294.7	0.0	0.0	4,804.9	2,217.0	0.0	2,782.2	0.0	0.0	4,999.2	194.3
32	Legal and Advocacy Services						0.0						0.0	0.0
33	Office of Public Advocacy			1,400.5			1,400.5			1,400.5			1,400.5	0.0
34	<i>Guardianship Resources</i>						0.0	45.0					45.0	45.0
35	<i>4 Positions</i>	150.0		150.0			300.0						0.0	-300.0
36	<i>Court Coordinatad Resources Project</i>			91.6			91.6						0.0	-91.6
37	Public Defender Agency			130.3			130.3			130.3			130.3	0.0
	<i>Mental Health Court Attorney and Social Worker</i>	127.3		63.7			191.0						0.0	-191.0
39	Total Legal/Advoc Svcs	277.3	0.0	1,836.1	0.0	0.0	2,113.4	45.0	0.0	1,530.8	0.0	0.0	1,575.8	-537.6
40	DOA TOTAL	1,912.5	0.0	15,660.9	0.0	0.0	17,573.4	2,262.0	0.0	14,718.1	0.0	0.0	16,980.1	-593.3
41														
42	CORRECTIONS													
43	Administration & Operations													
44	Data & Word Processing													
45	Title 47 Data System						0.0	25.0					25.0	25.0

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46		Inmate Health Care			4,092.3			4,092.3	1.1		4,092.3			4,092.4	1.1
47		<i>Jail Alternative Services</i>	86.7		43.3			130.0	130.0					130.0	0.0
		<i>Spring Creek Correctional Center Initiative</i>													
48		<i>Total Inmate Hlth Care</i>	50.0		50.0			100.0	100.0					100.0	0.0
49		<i>Total Inmate Hlth Care</i>	136.7	0.0	4,185.6	0.0	0.0	4,322.3	231.1	0.0	4,092.3	0.0	0.0	4,323.4	1.1
50		Inmate Programs (Base)			423.0			423.0			423.0			423.0	0.0
51		<i>Resid Subst Ab Trtmt-Wmn</i>	29.5		29.4			58.9	58.9					58.9	0.0
		<i>Resid Subst Ab Trtmt-Men</i>	41.5		41.4			82.9	82.9					82.9	0.0
		<i>Total Inmate Programs</i>	71.0	0.0	493.8	0.0	0.0	564.8	141.8	0.0	423.0	0.0	0.0	564.8	0.0
54		Transport & Class													0.0
55		<i>Subst Ab Assess Specialist</i>	30.1		30.1			60.2	60.2					60.2	0.0
56		<i>Total Transport & Class</i>	30.1	0.0	30.1	0.0	0.0	60.2	60.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.2	0.0
57		DOC TOTAL	237.8	0.0	4,709.5	0.0	0.0	4,947.3	458.1	0.0	4,515.3	0.0	0.0	4,973.4	26.1
58															
59		EDUC & EARLY DEVLPMT													
60		Special & Supplemental Svcs													
61		Special Education			110.9			110.9			110.9			110.9	0.0
62		Project Grants													
63		<i>Secondary Transition Capacity Building</i>	100.0					100.0	100.0					100.0	0.0
64		Early Development													
65		Head Start Grants													
66		<i>Autism Training and Education</i>	150.0					150.0						0.0	-150.0
67		DEED TOTAL	250.0	0.0	110.9	0.0	0.0	360.9	100.0	0.0	110.9	0.0	0.0	210.9	-150.0
68															
69		HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES													
70		Commissioner's Office													
71		<i>Suicide Prev Council</i>			220.5			220.5			220.5			220.5	0.0
		<i>Total Commissioner's Office</i>	0.0	0.0	220.5	0.0	0.0	220.5	0.0	0.0	220.5	0.0	0.0	220.5	0.0
73		Medical Assistance													
74		Medicaid Services			28,942.2			28,942.2			28,942.2			28,942.2	0.0
		<i>Medicaid Review and Enhancement Project</i>	200.0					200.0						0.0	-200.0
76		<i>Total Medical Assistance</i>	200.0	0.0	28,942.2	0.0	0.0	29,142.2	0.0	0.0	28,942.2	0.0	0.0	28,942.2	-200.0
77		Purchased Svcs.													
78		Family Preservation													
79		<i>Suppld Parenting-Parent Benef</i>	250.0					250.0	250.0					250.0	0.0
80		Foster Care Augmented Rate			500.0			500.0			500.0			500.0	0.0
81		Foster Care Social Need			747.9			747.9			747.9			747.9	0.0
82		Foster Care AK Youth Initiative			400.0			400.0			400.0			400.0	0.0
83		Residential Child Care			3,956.3			3,956.3			3,956.3			3,956.3	0.0
84		<i>MH Stabiliz Hms</i>	100.0		50.0			150.0	150.0					150.0	0.0
85		<i>Total Purchased Services</i>	350.0	0.0	5,654.2	0.0	0.0	6,004.2	400.0	0.0	5,604.2	0.0	0.0	6,004.2	0.0
86		Front Line Social Workers			148.6			148.6			148.6			148.6	0.0
87		<i>Total Front Line Social Workers</i>	0.0	0.0	148.6	0.0	0.0	148.6	0.0	0.0	148.6	0.0	0.0	148.6	0.0
88		Juvenile Justice												0.0	0.0

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89	McLaughlin Youth Ctr			159.5			159.5			159.5			159.5	0.0	
90	Fbx Youth Facility			81.9			81.9			81.9			81.9	0.0	
91	Bethel Youth Facility			50.9			50.9			50.9			50.9	0.0	
92	Total Juvenile Justice	0.0	0.0	292.3	0.0	0.0	292.3	0.0	0.0	292.3	0.0	0.0	292.3	0.0	
93	Designated BRUs														
94	Manilaq ADA						0.0						0.0	0.0	
95	Manilaq MH/DD						0.0						0.0	0.0	
	Norton Sound PH						0.0						0.0	0.0	
	Norton Sound ADA						0.0						0.0	0.0	
98	Norton Sound MH/DD						0.0						0.0	0.0	
99	SEARHC ADA						0.0						0.0	0.0	
100	Tanana Chiefs Conference ADA						0.0						0.0	0.0	
101	Tanana Chiefs Conference MH						0.0						0.0	0.0	
102	Tlingit-Haida ADA						0.0						0.0	0.0	
103	Yukon-Kuskokwim ADA						0.0						0.0	0.0	
104	Yukon-Kuskokwim MH						0.0						0.0	0.0	
105	Total Designated BRUs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
106	State Health Services														
107	Maternal, Child, Family Hlth			102.5			102.5			102.5			102.5	0.0	
108	Bahav/MHSvs-Young Chldm						0.0	151.1					151.1	151.1	
109	Healthy Families Program						0.0						0.0	0.0	
110	Healthy Fam Control Grp Study	100.0					100.0	100.0					100.0	0.0	
111	Community Health Grants			98.3			98.3			98.3			98.3	0.0	
112	Infant Learning Program Grants			4,203.3			4,203.3			4,203.3			4,203.3	0.0	
	ILP Waitlist Reduction and Base Grant Restoration			625.0			625.0						0.0	-625.0	
114	Total State Health Services	100.0	0.0	5,029.1	0.0	0.0	5,129.1	251.1	0.0	4,404.1	0.0	0.0	4,655.2	-473.9	
115	Alcohol & Drug Abuse Svcs.														
	Administration			385.9			385.9			385.9			385.9	0.0	
	Total ADA Admin	0.0	0.0	385.9	0.0	0.0	385.9	0.0	0.0	385.9	0.0	0.0	385.9	0.0	
118	ADA Treatment Grants			7,270.7	3,600.0		10,870.7			7,270.7	3,600.0		10,870.7	0.0	
119	SubstAb Tx-Rural Wm w/childm						0.0	250.0					250.0	2-0.0	
120	Family Wellness Camps	150.0		200.0			350.0	143.3					143.3	-206.7	
121	Women&Childm Collab Project						0.0	0.0					0.0	0.0	
122	Mini-Grants for Chronic Alcoholic Bonaf	317.6					317.6	240.0					240.0	-77.6	
123	Trans Housing Oper Funds	200.0					200.0	500.0					500.0	300.0	
124	Reapprop of Family Recovery Camps						0.0	60.4					60.4	60.4	
	Base Modifications for DADA Grantees: "Keep the Doors Open"			925.0			925.0						0.0	-925.0	
126	API 2000 Anch Detox & Dur' Diagnosis			278.5			278.5						0.0	-278.5	
127	Total ADA Treatment Grants	667.6	0.0	8,674.2	3,600.0	0.0	12,941.8	1,193.7	0.0	7,270.7	3,600.0	0.0	12,064.4	-877.4	
128	Comm Action Prev&Interv (CAPI) Grants			1,032.5			1,032.5			1,032.5			1,032.5	0.0	
129	Total CAPI Grants	0.0	0.0	1,032.5	0.0	0.0	1,032.5	0.0	0.0	1,032.5	0.0	0.0	1,032.5	0.0	
130	Rural Svcs & Suicide Prevention			2,276.8			2,276.8			2,276.8			2,276.8	0.0	
131	Village Based Counselors Expansion			125.0			125.0						0.0	-125.0	

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132	Total Rural Svcs & Suicide Prev	0.0	0.0	2,401.8	0.0	0.0	2,401.8	0.0	0.0	2,276.8	0.0	0.0	2,276.8	-125.0
133	Total Alcohol & Drug Abuse Svcs	667.6	0.0	12,494.4	3,600.0	0.0	16,762.0	1,193.7	0.0	10,965.9	3,600.0	0.0	15,759.6	-1,002.4
134	Community Mental Health Grants													
135	General Comm MH Grants			2,954.4			2,954.4			2,954.4			2,954.4	0.0
136	MH Consumer & Family Conferenco	50.0					50.0	50.0					50.0	0.0
137	Rural Svcs-Deal/Hmg Impaired	75.0					75.0	65.0					65.0	-10.0
138	Mini-Grants for Benef experiencing MI Svcs for People w Brain Injuries	385.8					385.8	300.0					300.0	-85.8
	Svs for People w Brain Injuries	175.0					175.0	100.0					100.0	-75.0
	Bring the Kids Home Initiative			1,125.0			1,125.0						0.0	-1,125.0
141	Total Gen'l Comm MH Grants	685.8	0.0	4,079.4	0.0	0.0	4,765.2	515.0	0.0	2,954.4	0.0	0.0	3,469.4	-1,295.8
142	Psychiatric Emergency Svcs			6,825.4			6,825.4			7,354.4			7,354.4	529.0
143	Rural Mental Health Consultation, Training and Coverage	402.5					402.5	250.0					250.0	-152.5
144	Reapprop of Mental Health Conferenco						0.0	50.0					50.0	50.0
145	API 2000 Enhanced Crisis Respite			422.2			422.2						0.0	-422.2
146	Community Mental Health Grant Floor			300.0			300.0						0.0	-300.0
147	Total Psych Emerg Svcs	402.5	0.0	7,547.6	0.0	0.0	7,950.1	300.0	0.0	7,354.4	0.0	0.0	7,654.4	-295.7
148	Services/Chronically Mentally Ill			12,908.0			12,908.0			12,643.5			12,643.5	-264.5
149	Independent Case Management and Flexible Support Services	250.0					250.0						0.0	-250.0
150	Inleg Spts-Co-occurrng Disorders	367.0					367.0	405.0					405.0	38.0
151	Consumr-directd Prog&Clubhses	200.0					200.0	125.0					125.0	-75.0
152	LINK Project						0.0	38.0					38.0	38.0
153	API2000 Intensive Community Services			450.0			450.0						0.0	-450.0
	API2000 Designated Evaluation & Treatment			1,582.1			1,582.1						0.0	-1,582.1
155	Non-Profit Transitional Housing (operations)	50.0					50.0						0.0	-50.0
156	Beyond Shelter Program: Outpatient Services for Homeless Persons	50.0					50.0						0.0	-50.0
157	Total Svcs CMI	917.0	0.0	14,940.1	0.0	0.0	15,857.1	568.0	0.0	12,643.5	0.0	0.0	13,211.5	-2,645.6
158	Designated Eval & Treatment			1,111.9			1,111.9			1,111.9			1,111.9	0.0
159	Total Designtd Eval&Treatment	0.0	0.0	1,111.9	0.0	0.0	1,111.9	0.0	0.0	1,111.9	0.0	0.0	1,111.9	0.0
160	Svcs to SED Youth			6,032.8			6,032.8			5,768.3			5,768.3	-264.5
161	Total SED Yth	0.0	0.0	6,032.8	0.0	0.0	6,032.8	0.0	0.0	5,768.3	0.0	0.0	5,768.3	-264.5
162	Total Comm MH Grants	2,005.3	0.0	33,711.8	0.0	0.0	35,717.1	1,383.0	0.0	29,832.5	0.0	0.0	31,215.5	-4,501.6
163	Community DD Grants													
164	Community DD Grants			18,626.7			18,626.7			18,626.7			18,626.7	0.0
165	AmDisabAct Com Prgm Access						0.0	100.0					100.0	100.0
166	Learn as You Earn Program	100.0					100.0	100.0					100.0	0.0
167	DDRisk Mgt&Instltl Prev						0.0	120.0					120.0	120.0
168	Mini-Grants for Benef w Disabilities	224.4					224.4	175.0					175.0	-49.4

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169	DD Waitlist Reduction and Base Grant Restoration			625.0			625.0						0.0	-625.0
170	Inclusive Recreation	50.0					50.0						0.0	-50.0
171	Dental Training Program	50.0					50.0						0.0	-50.0
172	Positive Behavior Support Training	70.0		70.0			140.0						0.0	-140.0
173	Total ComDD Grnts	494.4	0.0	19,321.7	0.0	0.0	19,816.1	495.0	0.0	18,626.7	0.0	0.0	19,121.7	-694.4
174	Institutions & Administration													
175	MH/DD Admin			2,631.1			2,631.1			2,631.1			2,631.1	0.0
176	Inpatient Quality Assurance	30.0					30.0	30.0					30.0	0.0
177	Assis Liv Lic/Hlth&SafetyQA	145.0					145.0	145.0					145.0	0.0
178	DMHDD Quality Assurance Package	175.0					175.0	281.2					281.2	106.2
179	DD Combined Quality Assurance Package						0.0			0.0			0.0	0.0
180	API2000 Utilization Review & Emergency Svcs Coordination			211.0			211.0						0.0	-211.0
181	DD Quality Assurance Position and Training			50.0			50.0						0.0	-50.0
182	Total MH/DD Admin	350.0	0.0	2,892.1	0.0	0.0	3,242.1	456.2	0.0	2,631.1	0.0	0.0	3,087.3	-154.8
183	Alaska Psychiatric Institute			8,345.5			8,345.5			8,345.5			8,345.5	0.0
184	API 2000 Community Services			2,943.8			2,943.8						0.0	-2,943.8
185	Total API	0.0	0.0	11,289.3	0.0	0.0	11,289.3	0.0	0.0	8,345.5	0.0	0.0	8,345.5	-2,943.8
186	Total Inst & Admin	350.0	0.0	14,181.4	0.0	0.0	14,531.4	456.2	0.0	10,976.6	0.0	0.0	11,432.8	-3,098.6
187	Mental Health Trust Boards													
188	Alaska Mental Health Board			336.0			336.0			336.0			336.0	0.0
189	Board-Trust Partnership						0.0	27.0					27.0	27.0
190	Board Dev-Rural Issues AMHB						0.0	15.0					15.0	15.0
191	Public Awareness Campaign						0.0	49.7					49.7	49.7
192	Integrated Strategic Communications Plan Implementation	200.0					200.0	30.0					30.0	-170.0
193	Total AMHB	200.0	0.0	336.0	0.0	0.0	536.0	121.7	0.0	336.0	0.0	0.0	457.7	-78.3
194	Gov's Council on Disab & Spec Ed			9.5			9.5			9.5			9.5	0.0
195	Partners in Policymaking	200.0					200.0	200.0					200.0	0.0
196	Recruit-Direct Sv Workers	150.0					150.0	150.0					150.0	0.0
197	Inclusive Childcare	100.0					100.0	100.0					100.0	0.0
198	Board-Trust Partnrshp GCDSE	5.0					5.0	5.0					5.0	0.0
199	Research Analyst III - GCDSE	80.0					80.0	80.0					80.0	0.0
200	Total GCDSE	535.0	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	544.5	535.0	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	544.5	0.0
201	Board on Alcohol & Drug Abuse			283.4			283.4			283.4			283.4	0.0
202	Board-Trust Partnership ABADA	18.0					18.0	18.0					18.0	0.0
203	Board Dev-Rural Issues ABADA						0.0	15.0					15.0	15.0
204	Title 47 Initiative Continuation	50.0					50.0	50.0					50.0	0.0
205	Infrastruc Improvements - ABADA	85.0					85.0	85.0					85.0	0.0
206	Total ABADA	153.0	0.0	283.4	0.0	0.0	436.4	168.0	0.0	283.4	0.0	0.0	451.4	15.0
207	Total MH Trust Boards	888.0	0.0	628.9	0.0	0.0	1,516.9	824.7	0.0	628.9	0.0	0.0	1,453.6	-63.3
208	Administrative Services													

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209	Admin Support Services			69.2			69.2			69.2			69.2	0.0		
210	Health Planning & Facilities Mgmt													0.0		
211	<i>Comprehensive Inleg MH Plan</i>	50.0					50.0	50.0					50.0	0.0		
212	<i>Total Admin Svcs</i>	50.0	0.0	69.2	0.0	0.0	119.2	50.0	0.0	69.2	0.0	0.0	119.2	0.0		
213	DHSS TOTAL	5,105.3	0.0	120,694.3	3,600.0	0.0	129,399.6	5,053.7	0.0	110,711.7	3,600.0	0.0	119,365.4	-10,034.2		
214							0.0									
215	LAW															
	Civil Division															
217	Human Services Section (Base)			63.8			63.8			63.8			63.8	0.0		
218	DEPT OF LAW TOTAL	0.0	0.0	63.8	0.0	0.0	63.8	0.0	0.0	63.8	0.0	0.0	63.8	0.0		
219																
220	NATURAL RESOURCES															
221	<i>MH Trust Lands Admin</i>	1,100.0					1,100.0	983.2					983.2	-116.8		
222	DNR TOTAL	1,100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,100.0	983.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	983.2	-116.8		
223																
224	REVENUE															
225	<i>AK MHTrust Authority</i>		1,190.2	100.0			1,290.2		1,166.3				1,166.3	-123.9		
226	DOR TOTAL	0.0	1,190.2	100.0	0.0	0.0	1,290.2	0.0	1,166.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,166.3	-123.9		
227																
228	UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA															
229	Anchorage Campus			200.8			200.8			200.8			200.8	0.0		
230	Fairbanks Campus						0.0						0.0	0.0		
231	<i>Distance Delivery BSW</i>						0.0	136.8					136.8	136.8		
232	<i>Distance Delivery MSW</i>	50.0					50.0						0.0	-50.0		
233	UA TOTAL	50.0	0.0	200.8	0.0	0.0	250.8	136.8	0.0	200.8	0.0	0.0	337.6	86.8		
234																
235	ALASKA COURT SYSTEM															
	Alaska Court System															
	Trial Courts			79.3			79.3						0.0	-79.3		
238	<i>Court Coord Resources</i>	183.2					183.2						0.0	-183.2		
239	ACS TOTAL	183.2	0.0	79.3	0.0	0.0	262.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-262.5		
240																
241	OPERATING TOTALS	8,838.8	1,190.2	141,619.5	3,600.0	0.0	155,248.5	8,993.8	1,166.3	130,320.6	3,600.0	0.0	144,080.7	-11,167.8		
242	CAPITAL PROJECTS															
243	ADMINISTRATION															
	Integrating Cultural Resources into ADRD Programs/ Environments	87.5		87.5			175.0						0.0	-175.0		
244	Sitka Pioneers' Home Improvements			500.0			500.0						0.0	-500.0		
245	Adult Day Facility Modifications	125.0		125.0			250.0						0.0	-250.0		
246																
247	ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	212.5	0.0	712.5	0.0	0.0	925.0									
248	HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES															
	Integrated Behavioral Health Information System			500.0			500.0						0.0	-500.0		
249	Safe Harbor Addition	300.0		300.0			600.0						0.0	-600.0		
250																

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251	Repair/Replace Village-Based Counselors Offices	75.0					75.0						0.0	-75.0		
252	Replace Rural Community Mental Health Centers	250.0					250.0						0.0	-250.0		
253	Consumer Designed and Managed Projects	131.3					131.3						0.0	-131.3		
254	API Stop Gap Repairs			225.0			225.0						0.0	-225.0		
	MicroEnterprise Funds	75.0		75.0			150.0						0.0	-150.0		
	Coordinated Resource Sharing	150.0					150.0						0.0	-150.0		
257	Essential Program Equipment	250.0		250.0			500.0						0.0	-500.0		
	Van / Vehicle and Housing Modifications for Families or Individuals	300.0		300.0			600.0						0.0	-600.0		
258	Deferred Maintenance - Accessibility	333.3		666.7			1,000.0						0.0	-1,000.0		
260	H&SS Housing Program	150.0				600.0	750.0						0.0	-750.0		
261	HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TOTAL	2,014.6	0.0	2,316.7	0.0	600.0	4,931.3									
262	NATURAL RESOURCES															
263	Trust Land Office Land Development & Value Enhancement	600.0					600.0						0.0	-600.0		
264	NATURAL RESOURCES TOTAL	600.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	600.0									
265	REVENUE / AHFC															
266	Homeless Assistance Program	500.0				500.0	1,000.0						0.0	-1,000.0		
267	Beneficiary & Special Needs Housing					1,750.0	1,750.0						0.0	-1,750.0		
268	REVENUE / AHFC TOTAL	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,250.0	2,750.0									
269	TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES															
270	Coordinated and Non-coordinated Transportation Needs	412.5		412.5			825.0						0.0	-825.0		
	TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TOTAL	412.5	0.0	412.5	0.0	0.0	825.0									
272																
273	CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTAL	3,739.6	0.0	3,441.7	0.0	2,850.0	10,031.3									
274	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	8,838.8	1,190.2	141,619.5	3,600.0	0.0	155,248.5	8,993.8	1,166.3	130,320.6	3,600.0	0.0	144,080.7	-11,167.8		
275	TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	12,578.4	1,190.2	145,061.2	3,600.0	2,850.0	165,279.8	8,993.8	1,166.3	130,320.6	3,600.0	0.0	144,080.7	-11,167.8		

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
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For the record the following is a text of my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on April 15, 2003.

Good evening Senator Green and members of the committee. My name is John Cannon, I live at 3101 Whispering Woods Dr, Wasilla. I am strongly opposed to the 2.2 million dollars in reductions to Community Developmental Disabilities Grants that were in the Governor's budget and in the operating budget recently passed by the house. These cuts are not fair, go too deep and seriously jeopardize the safety net for many Alaskans with DD. Frankly, these cuts were hastily arrived at by the new administration after a superficial review of services in our state. Some of you were in the legislature when our state closed Harborview. The significance of that event for persons with DD cannot be over stated. With the closing of Harborview, Alaska made a promise to its citizens with developmental disabilities that never again will any Alaskan, because of his or her disability, be sent away from their families, their extended families, their friends, and their home communities. The closing of Harborview meant that Alaskans with developmental disabilities were finally welcomed into the family of Alaska. It is a shameful and sad time in Alaskan history when our Governor and our House of Representatives say to citizens with DD that Alaska is going to break that promise. It is a disgrace when 1300 Alaskans who are waiting for needed services are told that the basic safety net of services will no longer be provided. In recent legislative sessions our State Senators have been the more reasonable voice of our legislature. With a brand new administration and so many new faces in our House of Representatives Alaskans with developmental disabilities are counting on the Senate's experience and reasonableness, now, more than ever before. These reductions will cause serious harm to Alaskans with DD and their families. It's up to you senators to do the right thing. Don't turn your back on this group of Alaskans. Restore the cuts to the community dd budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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April 17, 2003

Senator Lyda Green
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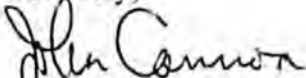
Thank you for taking time out of your incredibly busy schedule last week to return my call. I apologize for not being available when you called. The reason I wanted to speak with you is because I am gravely concerned about the current operating budget reductions to the Community Developmental Disabilities Grants. As stated in my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on April 15th I strongly believe that these cuts will seriously compromise the safety net available to Alaskans with developmental disabilities and their families. All indications are that these cuts were arrived at by the new administration after a superficial review, if any, of the Community Developmental Disabilities services in our state.

My vocation over the last 20 years has been to support Alaskans with Developmental Disabilities to live successfully in the community. I have personally witnessed how these funds have helped hundreds of individuals/families avert crisis and avoid more expensive services such as those funded by Medicaid. The Developmental Disabilities community is willing to take its fair share of cuts however the level of cuts in the governor's budget and the operating budget approved by the House are not fair, go too deep and seriously compromise the existing safety net for many Alaskans with developmental disabilities.

Senator Green, it is critically important for you to know that the 2.2 million reductions to community developmental grants will jeopardize the health and safety of Alaskans with developmental disabilities. No where in the state is the need greater for these services than in your district. Of the 1300 Alaskans presently on the Waitlist for services at least 200 are Mat-Su residents. As Mat-Su looks to the future there may be even greater cause for concern. The Alaska Department of Labor forecasts that the population of Mat-Su will more than likely increase to 102,756 by 2018. Based on current and anticipated future need it is likely that the demand for DD services in the Mat-Su region will continue to increase substantially. Unfortunately, our community is growing at a time there is tremendous pressure to curb state spending.

On behalf of Alaskans experiencing developmental disabilities many of whom are the most vulnerable and innocent among us I ask your assistance in restoring at least 2.2 million dollars back into the Community DD grants. Even with these cuts restored if what we have been told is accurate there will still be in excess of 2 million dollars reduced from the Community DD grant BRU. Thank you for considering this most urgent request for your support. Should you have any questions related to the funding for Community Developmental Disabilities services do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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April 23, 2003

Senate Finance Committee
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Dear Honorable Co-Chairs and Senators:

Kawerak, Inc. encourages you to support Governor Murkowski's FY-03 proposed General Fund budget of \$1,024.900 for the State Subsistence Division.

Over the years, the Subsistence Division's budget has been cut to the bone. The budget simply cannot be cut any further and the Division remain effective.

Kawerak has worked with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Subsistence Division over the years to combine resources to develop subsistence data and information. Through cooperative efforts, necessary information is relayed to the department and both Boards of Fish and Game as they meet their mandates and make decisions. Any further cuts to the Subsistence Division budget calls into question, the State's ability and interest in managing resources to meet the subsistence needs of Alaskans.

Subsistence being the highest priority for fish and game use, it is only right that the division responsible for compiling subsistence data and for providing information to the State, receives adequate funding to function. Thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully,

KAWERAK, INC.

Loretta Bullarú
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April 14, 2003

To all Senate Finance Committee Members:

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Dear Senator:

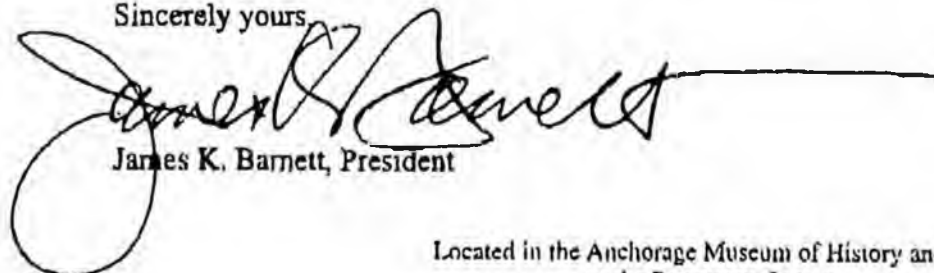
The Cook Inlet Historical Society urges you to restore funding the State Library and State Archives budgets. Restoring funds to the Alaska State Archives and State Library would ensure public access during regular business hours and provide at least a minimum service level for these organizations.

Public access to government records is a vital part of our democratic society. For example, citizens use government records to document their right to vote, apply for a permanent fund dividend, and to register for unemployment, health benefits, and other social services. State records help us understand the history of our state and nation, and they play an important role in the interpretation of our past. Open access to government records are central to maintaining a free and open society and one of state government's most fundamental and vital responsibilities.

In addition, the cuts proposed for the state library will adversely affect the historical collections and public access to the services and collections will be severely limited. Researchers traveling to Juneau to use the resources of the state library have a special financial hardship, as the hours of the historical collections that are already on reduced hours due to prior budget cuts will be further limited.

The Cook Inlet Historical Society members are asking you to restore the funds for the Alaska State Archives and State Library programs. State archives and libraries are vital government services that should be supported even in times of financial hardship. If I can provide further information to you and your staff, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



James K. Barnett, President

Located in the Anchorage Museum of History and Art
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April 20,03

To: Frank Murkowski and the Senate Finance Committee

Please restore the 2.2 million dollars you are proposing to cut from the DD base grants statewide. This drastic cut will affect a large population within our community. That funding allows families and individuals to have services that will keep families together and strengthen the family unit. Without this funding source, many families will go into crisis, costing the State of Alaska more money through Medicaid than what the DD grants originally were. Additional cuts to the Infant Learning Programs as well as vocational grants will not only isolate families and individuals, but not allow inclusion in their own communities.

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Betty H. Coulter
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Kenai

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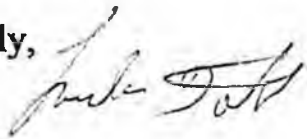
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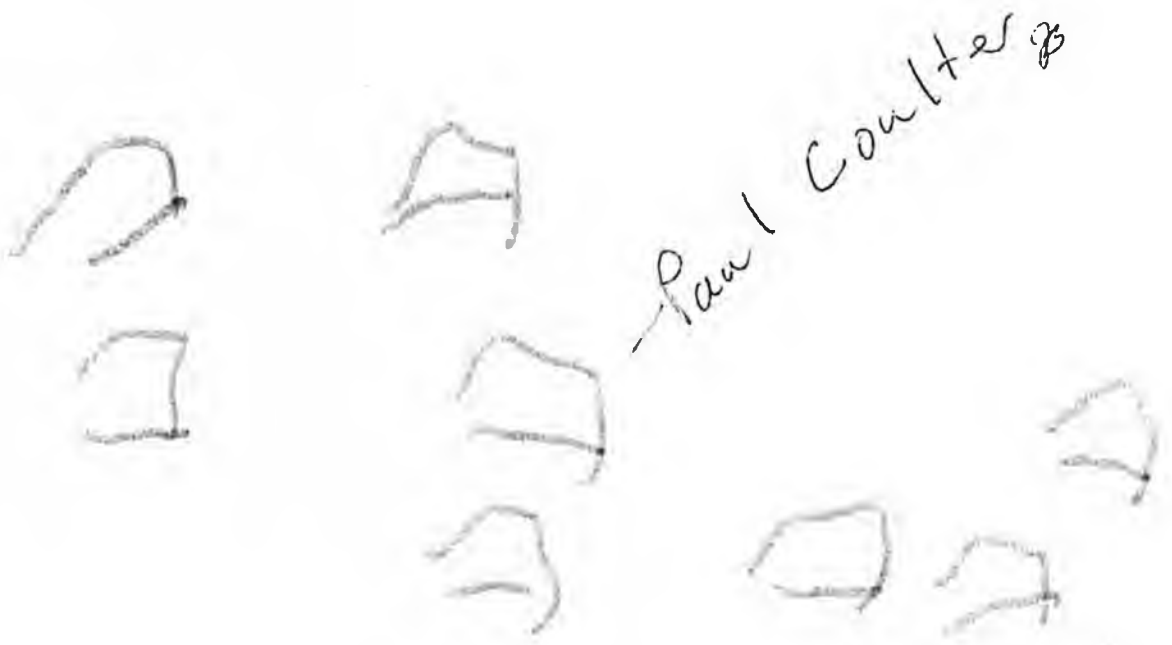
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4-21-03

Governor Markowski ^{and}
The Finance Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am very distressed over the Cuts you are making to our WD Clients; all handicapped people; that are unable to fight for themselves. Most of whom can not vote, so you slash them to the bone.

I have a 46 year old Downsyndrom son, severely retarded, with a congenital heart, and has started having seizures. He goes to the Vocational Center at Frontier Community Services, 3-5 hours a day 4 days a week. He really looks forward to the time spent with "the Guys". If the funds are cut, he will have to sit at home and Vegetate. That is Cruel and Unusual punishment. Can any of you understand that?

When we came to Alaska in 1959, everyone paid income tax and a school tax. We were a poor State "Before Oil". Now we are a "Rich" State, no one pays income tax, including the people that work here and take all of their money South. Should my son, Paul, be punished for this?? That is what is happening. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer and more deprived.

I am 72 years old, we have made Alaska our home for 44 years, not because we had to, because we love it here. It is impossible to think of living any place else.

Please, Please figure out a way to generate funds, without robbing the Developmentally Disabled. and the Elderly. The ones that can least afford it.

Thank you for listening to me.

Sincerely,

Betty S. Coulter
for Paul S. Coulter
313 Portlock St.
Kenai, AK 99611-6828
907-283-4799

Governor Frank Murkowski & Senate House Finance committee

To whom ever it may concern

Please do not cut the 2.2 million from the budget. Because the clients that are receiving these services they need to continue receiving service so that it can better there lives & skills they are learning to be more independent. Do not cut the 2.2 million from the budget please leave it where it is if you need to cut it from something else that needs to be ~~cut~~ worse then these services

Thank you

Kim Eby
Soldotna, AK

Please add to Public Testimony

The Honorable Senator Con Bunde
State Capitol
Juneau, AK

Paul Bryner
626 "N" Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

17 April 2003

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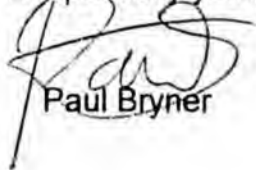
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Respectfully yours,



Paul Bryner



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the (S) FIN
committee name

committee on SB35, dated 4-15-03
bill/subject

MY WIFE AND I NEED THIS LONGEVITY OR MEDICARE FOR
OUR MEDICATION TOGETHER WE GET \$1200.00 PER MONTH
ON SOCIAL SECURITY 150 LONGEVITY PLUS PERMANENT
FUND. WHY DON'T CONGRESS AND GOVERNOR LIVE
UP HALF OF THERE INCOME TO HELP THE STATE
ALSO WHY ARE YOU AGAINST A STATE SALES TAX
THEN THE TUREST WOULD HELP.

Signed: Charlie R. Michon
Testifier Charlie R. Michon

Representing (Optional)
279 HERNOON DR. HOMER, AK 99603

Address
1-907-235-3935
Phone No.

April 15, 2003

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

I am still trying to review SB 35 and understand its complexities. One of the many questions I have is the rent paid to the State of Alaska by the State of Alaska. For example, The Department of Commerce and Economics has a proposed rent budget of \$794,400. This money is to pay the State rent on State property. I don't get it. I wouldn't pay rent to my husband so he can turn it around and give it back to me to give it back to him. I believe this happens a lot. Please someone explain this procedure in the simplest way.

I would like to see another Guardian Ad Litem placed out here in the Valley to help with the increasing number of CINA cases and civil cases that the Valley's one G.A.L. is handling. If we are going to provide legal representation to children then lets see that we give them the same quality as you or I would want from an attorney representing us. If not, why bother to pretend to protect the rights of people who can't protect themselves.

If we need to trim money then we need to consider pay cuts. If my business is doing poorly, then I don't earn much money. If the State is having a hard time making ends meet then the Governor, Lt. Governor and Commissioners may need to freeze or reduce their salaries until the State has more money to pay them. If you want the people of Alaska to reduce their demands for better and more services then we need to see our leadership join us in our economic struggle.

I thank you for your time and attention with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Marci Schmidt
c/o Computer Works
901 Hermon Road, #1
Wasilla, Alaska 99654
907-376-0188 work
907-357-3618 home
907-376-9065 fax



Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on Budget, dated 4/15/03
Bill/Subject

*This is a copy of a letter sent to
governor Murkowski. Would you
please take it into consideration.
Thank you very much.*

Signed:

Janet Girard

Testifier

self

Representing (Optional)

1245 Scotwood Dr. Wasilla - 99654

Address

373-3072

Phone number

April 8, 2003

Re: Longevity Bonus

Janet B. Girard
1245 Scotwood Drive
Wasilla
Alaska 99654

Dear Governor Murkowski:

Yes Governor Murkowski, I am sure all of us eldest seniors, the ones on the longevity bonus, would be happy to lead Alaska in an effort to right Alaska's financial problems and would like to share the load--if we possibly could. But despite our age we still have the urge for self-preservation and many of us are still endeavoring to give worthwhile service to our communities and families. We are not dunderheads only to be patted on the head and be expected to willingly walk the plank to an early death. Despite being conscientious when it comes to our health care--eating correctly, exercising, including being active in the community, for those who still can, and doing all to maintain mental acuity our bodies still continue to degenerate. With this normal aging process we often need medications that are very costly and difficult to afford without help. We deserve the opportunity to fulfill our lives without having to commit suicide.

Many of us cannot qualify for Medicaid (which still is at least partly paid by the state), but yet the exorbitant cost of medicine today makes our survival questionable. Without the longevity bonus, many of us will not be able to make it. It is that vital to us.

Do you really feel that the eldest of Alaskan seniors (age 72-onward) are so unimportant and useless that you are willing to sacrifice us for the extra money Alaska needs, causing us great hardship, and in some cases great pain and needless death for lack of medication or food? Surely there must be another more humane way to scare up the bucks.

Many of our oldest seniors have been the pioneers of Alaska and have given much to the state. The already aging children of these seniors would find it hard to replace the loss of the longevity bonus to their parents. Their younger descendants would be just starting out with their own heavy expenses. What you do to us impacts the lives of many others as well.

Can't we at least end our years in a productive way as long as possible and with dignity? Please don't ask us to die sooner than we need to. We are still worthwhile citizens but most of us unfortunately are unable to bear anymore loads, no matter how much we would like to, and now we ourselves are in need of a helping hand. We have given to Alaska--now we need your help. Please don't condemn us to this catastrophe. Please keep the longevity bonus. We and our families will be eternally grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Girard



Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on Community Schools, dated April 15, 2003
Bill/Subject

The Mat-Su Valley is only receiving 49,000 of this Grant Money. That keeps all schools open in the evenings for Youth Groups to bring the kids of the community. (6 days a week) Mon. thru Fri 3pm to 9pm - 4 middle schools open Saturdays from 8am to 8pm. We have approx. 800 kids in Palmer, 1200 in Wasilla Area, 300 kids in Trapper Creek - Su Valley - Talkeetna area who utilize all these school buildings. If the money is cut, the kids won't be able to use the schools during evening hours. Leaving the kids no place to go. Now we staff these sites with people to cover these events. The children are the ones to suffer if this program is cut.

Signed: Susan R. Tischer / Community Schools Program Facilitator
Testifier

Community Schools Mat-Su School District
Representing (Optional)

3901 E. Bogard Road - Wasilla, AK 99654
Address

(907) 376-0831 / Fax 376-7866
Phone number Work

Attention Lyda Green
This is your Valley!



Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on Budget, dated 4-15-03
Bill/Subject

see
attached
2 pgs on
Longevity Bonus

Signed: Frank Girard
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

Address

Phone number

Bill History/Action Display



BILL: HB 335
BILL VERSION:
SPONSOR(S): RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
CURRENT STATUS: (H) FIN

SHORT TITLE: APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
STATUS DATE: 01/18/02

TITLE: "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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TO REPORT PROBLEMS WITH BASIS INQUIRY

April 3, 2003

RE: LONGEVITY BONUS

Frank L. Girard
1245 Scotwood Drive
Wasilla
Alaska 99654

Dear Governor Murkowski:

We read your article in the Daily News of March 24 and your letter to me of March 25.

Many years ago, I started receiving the longevity bonus (LB) that was a godsend then and now even more so. Without it my wife and I would lose our home or starve. We are not amused by your argument that since there are 20,000 post-1996 seniors who don't get the bonus we should give up ours. "It is unfair to have two classes of senior citizens." Inequity between two classes is the rule and not an exception. Consider the difference between the vast majority of seniors and retired successful politicians. We understand that your retirement income will be in the five figures per month at tax-payers' expense. We trust that you will gladly donate a large chunk of your lavish retirement income for "education, public safety and safe transportation systems" that you state in your letter we must give up our LB for.

One could just as well argue that the 20,000 not on the LB program should be put on it to alleviate the unfairness. If we lose the LB, it will not help those currently not receiving it to any noticeable degree.

All LB receivers are now at least well into their 70s. Those seniors not on the LB program didn't enter the state early enough or didn't reach 65 soon enough. Therefore the seniors not getting the LB are younger than those receiving the LB or are recent entrants to Alaska, hardly to be considered Alaska pioneers. There is no question that the older one becomes, on average, the more one's health deteriorates. With failing health comes higher expenses of many kinds, some crushing. Therefore, this older group of seniors getting the LB are, in general, in greater need of it than the younger group not getting the LB.

We think it's appalling that to help make up state financial shortages you target the most helpless of Alaska's citizens--the 18,000 oldest and sickest of any age group. Perhaps you imagine

that their votes are of little consequence and that many of them are too senile to fight you anyway. I assure you that large numbers of us not only have all our marbles but have even larger numbers of friends and relatives who also vote and have long memories!

Are you sure, Governor Murkowski, that your fiscal policies for Alaska are not driven by the same political motives that drive your man, Bush? Among these are super tax cuts and other financial advantages for the wealthy, the special interests while help for the less fortunate is lacking.

If the state's finances are really so bad that beleaguered seniors are asked to sacrifice, then tax church property. Exempting religion from its fair share of public expense, which the rest of us must make up, violates the First Amendment, separation of church and state. Individual parishioners will not starve or lose their homes if their church is taxed. Another option is a state lottery. Why not? Many states already do this.

We are sure you are reasonable, Governor Murkowski, and that you will reconsider your determination to eliminate the LB.

Sincerely,

Please add to public testimony

The Honorable Senator Lyda Green
State Capitol
Juneau, AK

Paul Bryner
626 "N" Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

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17 April 2003

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ALP Fact Sheet FY 2003

WHO: Anchorage Literacy Project is a private nonprofit community based organization serving the undereducated and new English language learners for over 27 years. We have a staff of 11.1 and are governed by a Board of Directors.

WHAT: Mission: Changing Lives Through Literacy

Goals:

- Provide adult learners with opportunities to meet their educational goals.
- Recruit, train, certify and support volunteers to teach adults
- Recruit, train, certify and support volunteer tutor trainers
- Collaborate with other agencies to better serve the needs of adult learners
- Promote community awareness of literacy issues

WHERE: Main site is 1345 Rudakof; occupy 11 condo units, over 10,000 sq. ft. of office and classroom space Other sites are Fairview Recreation Center, Success By 6, Chugach Manor, Senior Citizen Center and individual homes.

HOW: Tutor Training Workshops – train 365 new tutors over the past 5 years

Volunteer Program: 153 active one-to-one tutors

4 Small Group Tutors

18 Classroom Teachers

14 Tutor trainers

189 Active Instructional Volunteers served 800 adults with 38,000 instructional hours

53 countries, predominant languages – Spanish, Korean, Laotian, Thai

Volunteer instructors do 66% of the teaching. The remainder is done by grant funded program staff.

Multi-Sensory Instruction: 239 adults taught by two staff teachers, nationally recognized program for beginning level readers

IMPACT Family Literacy Program: served 150 family members, parents and children with comprehensive literacy and parent education.

Average yearly number of classes offered by ALP, on and off site is 40.

Budget: Approximately \$500,000
322,000 from federal, state, municipality grants
130,000 from United Way of Anchorage 20% of total
100,000 from contracts, fundraising, individual, group and corporate contributions

In-kind contributions: \$1,177,417 Labor, goods, and services

Total Budget \$2,169,417

United Way funds are critical to ALP's success because they are unrestricted dollars. We pay our insurance, utility bills, building maintenance and other overhead administrative costs not allowed by grant funding with United Way dollars. We couldn't do it without them.

Anchorage Literacy Project

Year-End Summary FY/PY 2002

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM DATA					
	AHFC	IMPACT	MSI	MSI-EL	Volunteer
Basic Students	2	0	239	0	12
ESL Students	9	150	0	64	786
Total Students	11	150	239	64	798
Total Hours	668	8,404	9,655	1,116	37,961

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MSI-EL	1,116
Volunteer	37,961
Total Instructional Hours	57,804

STUDENTS	
Basic Students	247
English Literacy Students	945
Total Students*	1,192

* This is an unduplicated number of students served by ALP, many of the students participated in more than one of the individual programs offered.

VOLUNTEERS	
One-on-One Tutor	153
Small Group Tutor	4
Class Room Teacher	18
Tutor Trainer	14
Total Instructional Volunteers	189

Anchorage Literacy Project

Program Comparison FY 1995---FY 2002

FY	VOLUNTEER PROGRAM						GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS										Grand Total	
	TUTORING & ON-SITE CLASSES						AHFC		ATAP/JOBS		MSI		CDBG		IMPACT			
	FT	PT	BASIC	ESL	TOT HRS	TOT STUDS	HRS	STUDS	HRS	STUDS	HRS	STUDS	HRS	STUDS	HRS	FAMILY MEM	HRS	STUDS
2002	X	X	12	786	37,961	798	668	11	X	X	9,655	239	1,116	64	8,404	150	57,804	1,192
2001	366	643	250	759	21,880	1,009	634	16	X	X	8,340	243	1,589	57	8,043	115	40,486	1,440
2000	441	360	76	725	22,822	801	713	20	X	X	7,156	200	3,938	88	5,454	55	38,356	1,146
1999	423	258	124	557	22,754	681	371	25	1,028	26	5,459	99	4,891	72	NO INFO		34,503	903
1998	393	240	116	517	20,696	633	591	43	3,366	35	2,974	56	2,760	23	NO INFO		30,387	790
1997	390	159	155	492	18,562	549	X	X	5,696	37	976	26	X	X	NO INFO		25,479	647
1996	396	298	X	X	22,166	694	1,177	53	5,746	51	X	X	X	X	NO INFO		29,089	789
1995	427	319	X	X	25,274	746	1,653	46	5,279	42	X	X	X	X	NO INFO		37,969	991

Anchorage Literacy Project

Tutor Comparison FY 1995--FY 2002

FY	TUTORS TRAINED					TRAINERS		
	BASIC	ESL	BASIC/ESL	TOTAL	ACTIVE TUTORS	BASIC	ESL	TOTAL
2002	X	X	57	57	172	5	9	14
2001	X	X	94	94	204	6	8	14
2000	26	65	X	91	193	7	8	15
1999	29	26	X	55	173	6	10	16
1998	27	50	X	77	182	6	9	15
1997	28	57	X	85	152	6	9	15
1996	X	X	X	X	186	X	X	0
1995	X	X	X	X	178	X	X	0

Anchorage Literacy Project

HSMG is one of three funding sources that support the Anchorage Literacy Project Volunteer Program.

HSMG	\$50,023	38%
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DOL/ABE	\$37,000	26%
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United Way	\$53,000	36%
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Total cost of Volunteer Program:	\$140,000	
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Total ALP budget	\$657,000	HSMG 7%
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ALP Volunteers provided 63% of the total 57,804 instructional hours

ALP Volunteers teach 66% of the total 1,192 adults served by the agency

The cost per instructional hour for the Volunteer Program is \$3.68.

The two state grants provide 99.5% of the salaries for the volunteer coordinator, the training coordinator, the site coordinator, and the intake specialist. United Way funds cover the administrative and overhead costs to provide literacy instruction to 800 adults. The state Department of Labor/Adult Basic Education faces a 10% across the board cut in funding. It is assumed that this would decrease our grant by 10% but we do not know for sure how the ABE program administrators will apply the reductions.

Anchorage Literacy Project is a community based volunteer organization, committed to its mission of *changing lives through literacy*. The volunteer program is its volunteers and the people funded by these grants. ALP limits its service to the beginning level learner in collaboration with the other major adult education providers in the community. We refer all intermediate and advanced learners to Nine Star or the UAA Adult Learning Center. They in turn refer all beginning learners to ALP. We have done this in order to reduce the duplication of services and provide a continuum of educational opportunities for all adults.

Without funding for these critical positions, more than 800 beginning level English learners will have no place to go for instruction with the following consequences:

- Remain locked in an entry level job position
- Pose safety threats to selves and others because language is insufficient
- Be unable to communicate with their child's teacher

- Be unable to understand medical instructions or read directions for medication
- Increase the need for interpretative services in all areas
- Be subject to victimization by others - economically, physically and mentally

When adults are given the opportunity to learn English in a structured and coherent program they will:

- Develop economic self-sufficiency
- Buy a home
- Increase the local tax base
- Advance in their jobs
- Contribute their skills to strengthen the community
- Become involved in their child's education

The Board of Directors and staff have not defined how these funding losses will reshape our agency. It will be impossible to provide the services at our current level.

We would:

- Decrease the number of tutor trainings to one
- Not communicate with or support current tutors
- Limit students to one class a week, total 3 hours
- Not assess or intake new students
- Offer fewer classes with no teacher support
- Not post-test for achievement measurement
- Serve far fewer than 800 learners, 100

Adult Basic Education Information

Adult Basic Education (ABE) is a program that provides students with assistance in math, reading, and writing skills. Most students who enter our programs need to complete a high school diploma and/or improve their basic skills so they can enter the workforce or postsecondary education. ABE also teaches English to the immigrant population. GED stands for General Educational Development. A GED graduate is a student who has earned a high school diploma by examination. Our adult education centers administer these exams.

Adult Basic Education is funded under Title II of the Workforce Investment Act. ABE programs have a direct connection to Alaska's workforce development.

There are 18 agencies providing regional services and programs in Alaska. Many hubs serve remote villages whenever possible. Local area contacts include:

1. Nine Star Enterprises, Anchorage, David Alexander, 279-7827
2. Anchorage Literacy Project, Polly Smith, 337-1981
3. Aleutian-Pribilof Islands Association, Karen Gonne-Harrell, 222-4231
4. Alaska Department of Corrections, Roseann Munafo, 269-7416
5. Illisagvik College, Barrow, Barbara Struble, 852-1742
6. University of Alaska, Kuskokwim Campus, Bethel, Kathy Hanson, 543-4570
7. University of Alaska, Bristol Bay Campus, Dillingham, Kim Govig, 842-3505
8. Adult Learning Programs of Alaska, Fairbanks, Traci Nero, 452-6434
9. Literacy Council of Alaska, Fairbanks, Mike Donaldson, 456-6212
10. University of Alaska/Kenai Peninsula College, Homer, Carol Swartz, 235-1656
11. Southeast Regional Resource Center, Juneau/SE, Carin Sinolin, 586-5718
12. University of Alaska, Kodiak, John Mahoney, 486-1215
13. Alaska Technical Center, Kotzebue, Jerry Vick, 442-3733
14. Kawerak Inc., Nome, Ron Huffman, 443-4468
15. Prince William Sound College, Valdez, Angela Corcoran, 834-1671
16. Human Resources Company, Wasilla, Laura Kelley, 373-5872
17. Alaska Vocational Technical Center, Seward, Lisa Rininger, 224-4164
18. University of Alaska/Kenai Peninsula College, Soldotna, Diane Taylor, 262-0328

Facts

- The number of ABE programs is the record of GED graduates each year. GED graduates account for approximately 25% of the high school graduates each year. The most record breaking year was 2001, when 29% of all high school diplomas in Alaska were GEDs.
- In FY02, 8,795 students (5,272 full-time and 3,523 part-time) received 291,526 hours of direct instruction at a total cost of \$7.66 per hour. This per hour figure includes expenditures for administrative overhead, teachers, and instructional materials. Of the full time students,
 - 42% were 25-44 years of age
 - 25% were 19-24 years of age
 - 29% were Alaska Native or American Indian
 - 67% were unemployed or not in the labor force

- **Completion of Goals:** All students are asked to identify their goals when they enter ABE programs. The following identifies the full-time students who achieved their stated goals in FY02.

- 44% Entered Employment
- 54% Retained Employment
- 54% Obtained GED
- 37% Entered Postsecondary Education

Need for Services

- The 1990 US Census reported 53,827 adult Alaskans without a high school diploma or equivalency (GED). The 2000 US Census reported 58,070 adult Alaskans without a high school diploma; an 8% increase over 1990 levels.
- Currently, adult Alaskans without a high school diploma account for approximately 13% of the total adult Alaskan population.
- Because adult education program funding is so very low, only 10% of adults in need in Alaska are served by these programs.
- Within the 18 program grantees, there are only 54 full-time personnel. Most instruction is provided by 151 part-time staff. Often, this part-time money only pays for someone to teach 2-6 hours per week for six or seven months. Adults with low basic skills learn and progress very little with such scanty help. They are not likely to be productive, wage earning Alaskans if they do not improve their skills. ABE programs help teach job search skills along with basic skills to prepare adults for employment and further education and training.

Program Impact of Reduction in General Fund

- For a program that pushes nearly all its money into direct instructional service, a reduction in general funds impacts the amount of direct instructional activities and GED testing services available to adult Alaskan students.
- There isn't a program in the state as cost-effective as ABE. Please reflect carefully when considering budgetary matters and adult basic education. Call up the ABE program director in your area. Ask for specific information on help provided to your constituents. Visit an ABE program if you can make the time.

Thank you for your valued assistance.

Carin Smolin, President, Alaska Adult Education Association
Contact: SERRC-Alaska's Educational Resource Center
210 Ferry Way, Juneau, AK 99801
work phone: 586-5718 email: carins@serrc.org

*Alaska Adult Education Association
A Professional Organization for Alaska's Adult Educators
March 2003*

Talking Points:

A reduction means less students served, 10% less, and also reduction in hours that learning centers and testing centers are open.

We do a great service for so very little money. 10% reduction is equivalent to taking away two small grantees of our 18 regional programs that serve the entire state.

Most of the centers are open entry/exit with evening hours and weekends. Many are open year round.

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On average, 25% of high school diplomas issued in our state are GEDs.

Closing ACS will not save the state money.

- ASC, for the past 5 years, has not required the full 5.5 Million.
 - 2002/2003 cost: 3.8 million.
 - 2001/2002 cost: 4.4 million.
- Shifting ACS' students to District/Borough schools would cause:
 - **Increased costs by 20%** to the state compared to the 80% that ACS gets.
 - **Overcrowding** (About 750 ACS students reside in the state's largest five districts, and are most likely to return to local schools.)
 - Cost to build **new schools** and to hire **new staff** when small communities suddenly have enough students who are interested in going to a local school.
 - An increase in the lack of funding already existing in small schools.
- At least 1/3 of our 200 seniors are not going to be able to graduate by the deadline.
 - ACS seniors who do not graduate by June 30th will each either cost the state another full semester of classes, or will drop out of the school system altogether.
- Warehouse rent is paid from the ACS budget. Rent for office, \$369,000, is paid to the Permanent Fund corporation. **Funds go from one state pocket to another.** ACS could, conceivably, pay for office rent out of their own budget.
- **No other correspondence school:**
 - Is fully accredited. (ACS is accredited by the same standards that brick and mortar schools are, but also meets all standards for distance learning accreditation. The other correspondence schools that are applying will only have to meet distance learning standards, one of which requires high school teachers to have 24 semester hours in their subject area. Most correspondence schools have one teacher for their entire student body, making it impossible for them to meet it.)
 - Offers dual enrollment.
 - Is mandated to enroll rural students after the student count period.
 - Has the know-how to aid special-needs children. ACS has a certified resource (special needs) teacher.
 - Has the ample teachers, or the support that ACS offers. This makes ACS the only correspondence school capable of meeting the 2005 No Child Left Behind criteria.
 - A summer school; without the ACS summer school, students without access to a brick and mortar school are denied an equal education.
 - Offers participation in as many unique programs, such as National (DC) and State (Juneau) Close-Up, Academic Decathlon, Presidential Classroom, Geography-B, Battle of the Books, and Lego League Tournament.
- These things, along with ACS's Parent Advisory Council, Library, the individual support teachers give to their students, structure of lesson plans, optional flexibility, advanced, online and traditional courses and a proven track record, **make ACS dynamic, unparalleled and absolutely unique.**
- ACS has developed **18** of the 29 online courses used by other schools in the state.
- Student from many other correspondence schools, such as IDEA and PACE enroll in ACS courses; so closing ACS will harm all Alaskan correspondence schools.

Top Ten Alternatives For Alyeska Students

10. Climbing Mount McKinley and learning the Way of the Falling Leaf at the secret ninja monastery there.
9. Using reindeer gut and flattened tin cans to connect to the World-Wide Interweb.
8. Learning the traditional way in a real school building and a genuine teacher the way God intended, damnit!
7. Get a job. Them citified Juneau sissies' "education" was just make the kids uppity, anyway.
6. Keep sending out homework assignments, and start constructing pitifully complex explanations for why they keep coming back unopened.
5. Depending on location in Interior, walk towards either Fairbanks or Anchorage. if school is not in session when you arrive, then use the free time to gain valuable panhandling tips.
4. Play Van Halen's "School's Out" continuously.
3. Rock back and forth softly, staring futilely over the tundra at the world you know is out there and know just as well is now unreachable.
2. Overcome that crippling social anxiety and leave the house for the first time in years.
1. Stop expecting the state of Alaska to make the world a Socialist paradise where everyone learns for free. The only thing that's free is death, but Frank Murkowski is the one who will decide when that comes. For the moment, he is weak, but blood will make him strong. A storm is gathering in the hinterlands, and wise are those who flee it.

For the record the following is a text of my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on April 15, 2003.

Good evening Senator Green and members of the committee. My name is John Cannon, I live at 3101 Whispering Woods Dr, Wasilla. I am strongly opposed to the 2.2 million dollars in reductions to Community Developmental Disabilities Grants that were in the Governor's budget and in the operating budget recently passed by the house. These cuts are not fair, go too deep and seriously jeopardize the safety net for many Alaskans with DD. Frankly, these cuts were hastily arrived at by the new administration after a superficial review of services in our state. Some of you were in the legislature when our state closed Harborview. The significance of that event for persons with DD cannot be over stated. With the closing of Harborview, Alaska made a promise to its citizens with developmental disabilities that never again will any Alaskan, because of his or her disability, be sent away from their families, their extended families, their friends, and their home communities. The closing of Harborview meant that Alaskans with developmental disabilities were finally welcomed into the family of Alaska. It is a shameful and sad time in Alaskan history when our Governor and our House of Representatives say to citizens with DD that Alaska is going to break that promise. It is a disgrace when 1300 Alaskans who are waiting for needed services are told that the basic safety net of services will no longer be provided. In recent legislative sessions our State Senators have been the more reasonable voice of our legislature. With a brand new administration and so many new faces in our House of Representatives Alaskans with developmental disabilities are counting on the Senate's experience and reasonableness, now, more than ever before. These reductions will cause serious harm to Alaskans with DD and their families. It's up to you senators to do the right thing. Don't turn your back on this group of Alaskans. Restore the cuts to the community dd budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,
John Cannon
376-6063

April 21, 2003

To: Frank Murkowski and the Senate Finance Committee

Please restore the 2.2 million dollars you are proposing to cut from the DD base grant statewide. This proposed cut will affect programs that provide help for families in our community. It will cause our families to be in crisis with expenses they do not have. Families will need more money in Medicaid, which in turn will end up costing the State of Alaska more than what the DD grants originally were. Additional cuts to the Infant Learning Programs as well as Vocational grants will not only isolate families and individuals, but not allow inclusion in their own communities.

I ask you to please, restore the funding for our community. Without this funding these vital services will be voided and families will be torn apart.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Glonek

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MR. MURKOWSKI:

4-19-03

AND THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE,

I HAVE A SON WHO IS MENTALLY DELAYED AND HAS CEREBRAL PALSY. HE NOW HAS SOMEONE BESIDES FAMILY TO GO AND DO THINGS WITH HIM. THEY DO THINGS LIKE SWIMMING, BIKING, WORK OUT, AND TAKE TRIPS TO ANCHORAGE. HE IS STARTING TO BECOME HIS OWN PERSON. HE NOW HAS A BEST FRIEND.

IF YOU KEEP CUTTING THE BUDGET FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY MY HUSBAND AND I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SPEND TIME ALONE. EVERYBODY NEEDS TO SPEND TIME WITH THEIR OTHER HALF. WITHOUT THESE FUNDS IT WILL MAKE IT HARD FOR OUR FAMILY. YOU NEED TO STOP & THINK ABOUT YOUR CHILD FOLLOWING YOU FROM ROOM TO ROOM WANTING SOMETHING TO DO, BUT YOU ARE BUSY DOING THINGS TO KEEP LIFE GOING. MY HUSBAND AND I CAN NOW LEAVE OUR 34 YEAR OLD SON WITH SUPPORT STAFF KNOWING HE IS SAFE.

IF YOU KEEP CUTTING FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES YOU WILL BE SPENDING MORE MONEY IN 6 MONTHS THAN YOU ARE NOW. I WILL PUT FAMILIES IN CRISIS, LIKE ABUSE. PEOPLE WITH NO FAMILIES WILL BE ON THE STREETS OR PRISON.

Is it alright that you keep cutting funds for the elderly and disabled?
There are people coming up here and working on the slope or some kind of fishing job. They don't spend the money they make here, they spend it outside.

My son was born here, lives here and will probably die here. His money stays here.

Thanks You,

Theresa Reger

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MR. MARKOWSKI
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4-19-03

MY NAME IS RICHARD, I AM 24
YEARS OLD, AND HAVE CEREBRAL PALSY. I NOW
HAVE A BEST FRIEND TO GO AND DO THINGS WITH.
I HAVE NEVER HAD A BEST FRIEND BEFORE.

IF YOU KEEP CUTTING FUNDS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, MY FRIEND WILL
NOT BE ABLE TO DO THINGS WITH ME. HE
IS PAID BY FRONTIER COMMUNITY SERVICES.
I REALLY LIKE SPENDING TIME WITH MY FRIEND

Thank You
Rich Reger

Richard Reger

To

I would like you
to say no to the
D.D Budget cuts
because if this
Does pass I will
have no job or
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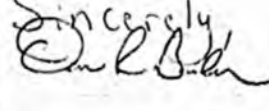
Ric Hunter

Dear members of Senate Finance Committee,

As parents of an adult child with a disability, we are very concerned about the proposed 2.2 million dollar cut to the Developmental Disability budget.

We rely heavily on the services provided for our son. Having a disability is difficult enough, but when you take away additional support, you take a major part of their life with it.

Please support our disabled children and adults and restore this 2.2 million dollars to the Developmental Disabilities budget.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
 Cheryl Barber
Don & Cheryl Barber

Dear Governor Murkowski + SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

This is an appeal to you not just as our Governor, but more so as a human being who just so happens to have the power to severely impact the lives of Alaskans. Governor, consider the position you are in. I know you are not a cruel man, and would not intentionally harm anyone. But I know you have not considered your proposals adequately. If you had sir, you would not now be attempting to cut 2.2 million dollars from the developmental disability base grants. Have you heard your fellow Alaskans? We have begged you to protect our base grants. Show some mercy on those who need it most. Sir, I tell you I would much rather pay an income tax than balance the budget on the backs of the disabled. How can we even consider this feasible while pretending to live in a compassionate society? While I do not suffer a disability myself, my little sister waited for six years on "the waitlist". Your proposed cuts will make more people wait, and possibly for longer than she did. I appeal to your heart. I appeal to your common sense. Perhaps I am young and idealistic, but I thought we lived in a state that cared about its disabled citizens. Please don't prove me wrong, Governor Murkowski. Please restore the 2.2 million you have proposed to cut.

Sincerely,

Joni Haas

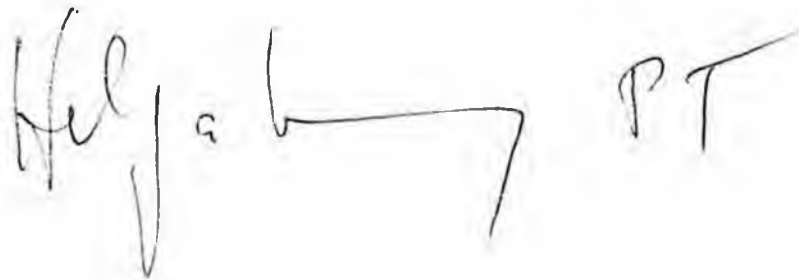
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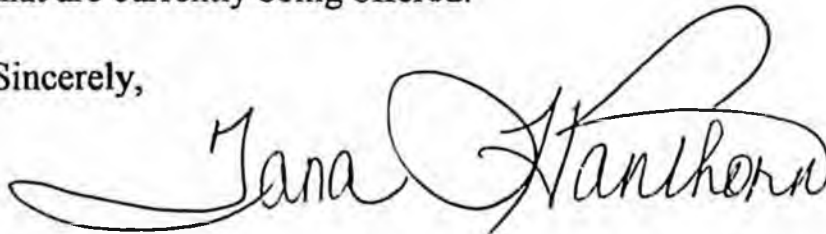
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907-262-5897

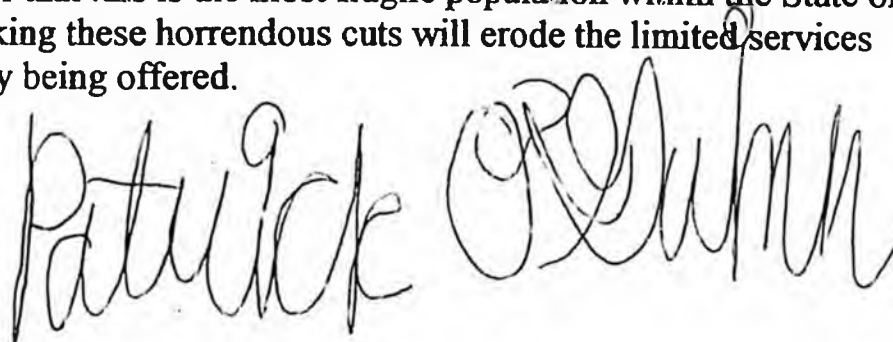
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Ronai K. Bell

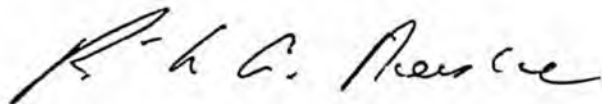
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Nancy Alonzo

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Joy J. Plumridge

April 20,03

To: Frank Murkowski and the Senate Finance Committee

Please restore the 2.2 million dollars you are proposing to cut from the DD base grants statewide. This drastic cut will affect a large population within our community. That funding allows families and individuals to have services that will keep families together and strengthen the family unit. Without this funding source, many families will go into crisis, costing the State of Alaska more money through Medicaid than what the DD grants originally were. Additional cuts to the Infant Learning Programs as well as vocational grants will not only isolate families and individuals, but not allow inclusion in their own communities.

Please remember that this is the most fragile population within the State of Alaska, and making these horrendous cuts will erode the limited services that are currently being offered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Munoz".