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COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

4/28/81

FURTHER: Finance

Date: 5/21/81

Mr. President:

The Committee on COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS has had SR 514

public training and internship program

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
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- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without ^{independent} recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Colletta)

CHAIRMAN

SENATE AMENDMENT

By Community and Regional Affairs
Committee

To: _____ SENATE BILL No. 514 _____

To: _____ HOUSE BILL No. _____

PAGE: 1 LINE: 24

Delete "25,000" and insert "6,000"

Alaska MUNICIPAL League

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204 N FRANKLIN ST
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

May 21, 1981

to: Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
from: Ginny Chitwood *G.C.*
re: SB 514 - Municipal Training and Internship Program

Alaska Municipal League endorses SB 514, creating a Municipal Internship and Training Program. Improving the training of administrators is an important part of improving local government in general, which is the League's main goal.

CITY OF BARROW

"farthest north incorporated city"

BOX 629

BARROW, ALASKA 99723

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MUNICIPAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Nature and Purpose of Program:

To provide rural municipal administrators an opportunity to broaden and expand their administrative skills, through an internship program within a hosting municipality. The on the job work experience will provide the participant with new skills and experience while at the same time broadening their scope of awareness through exposure to new philosophies, ideas and concepts. The program will also provide the participants with insights into their administrative strengths and deficiencies. A supplemental program would be aimed at developing the strengths and improving the difficult areas. The program would produce tangible results primarily for the home municipality, the hosting municipality and State of Alaska.

The program is targeted for rural municipalities who wish to increase their experience, awareness, and capabilities of their municipal administrators, who are otherwise unqualified for CETA programs.

Who may apply:

Rural municipalities and unincorporated villages.

Administrative Agency:

Department of Community and Regional Affairs, Division of Local Government Assistance.

Type of Assistance:

Financial assistance to the municipality hosting the participant in the program. Participant would become an employee of the hosting municipality receiving compensation commensurate with their skill level. The home municipality would be expected to keep the home office alive and functioning with an acting administrator.

How The Program is Financed:

100% State.

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO Senate Finance Committee

DATE May 22, 1981

FILE NO

TELEPHONE NO

FROM Senate Community and Regional
Affairs Committee

SUBJECT Letter of Intent re:
SENATE BILL NO. 514
(Municipal
Internship and
Training Program)

This Committee and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs have reviewed the referenced legislation, and have the following recommendations and comments.

Initial development of a pilot program to provide municipal internship would be conducted by dividing the state into 12 Internship Districts, corresponding to the boundaries of the 12 ANCSA regional corporations.

An internship would be awarded to one city from each district per year. Internships will be awarded by the Division of Local Government Assistance to qualified individuals from rural municipalities with populations of less than 5,000 through a competitive application process.

Internships will be for 12 months duration.

A resolution by the council of the city the intern candidate is from shall be incorporated into the application. The resolution will state that the home municipality will hire an acting administrator to continue to fulfill the duties of the intern during his or her absence and will also state that the home municipality will be expected to rehire the intern upon his or her return at the end of the internship year.

The host municipality will employ the intern as an assistant to the city manager/administrator, with clearly identifiable duties, measurable goals and objectives set at the inception of the internship year. The intern will be paid by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs through the host municipality.

The intern, together with the city manager/administrator of the host community, will provide monthly reports to the Division of Local Government Assistance stating the work accomplished by the intern and evaluating the success of the intern in meeting the stated goals of the program. The division will, at the end of the first year pilot program, prepare and submit to the House and Senate Community and Regional Affairs committees a review and analysis of the program including recommendations for continuing the program or altering it.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

POUCH B
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE: (907) 465-4700

May 29, 1981

The Honorable Senator Donald Gilman
Chairman, Senate Community and Regional
Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator ^DGilman:

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 514 (MUNICIPAL INTERNSHIP
AND TRAINING PROGRAM)

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The Honorable Senator Gilman
RE: Senate Bill No. 514
May 29, 1981
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Sincerely,

LEE MCANERNEY
COMMISSIONER


By: Palmer McCarter
Director

cc: Marie Matsuno, Deputy Commissioner
Ron Lehr, Director, Budget & Management
Keith Specking, Legislative Assistant

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 514
 Title An Act relating to a municipal training and internship program.
 Requested by House Finance Committee Date May 28, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Community and Regional Affairs
 Program Category Affected Development
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Local Government Assistance
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY 81 | FY 82 | FY 83 | FY 84 | FY 85 | FY 86 |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 100 PERSONAL SERVICES | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 200 TRAVEL | | 19.8 | 21.4 | 23.2 | 25.0 | 27.0 |
| 300 CONTRACTUAL | | 464.1 | 501.2 | 541.3 | 584.6 | 631.4 |
| 400 COMMODITIES | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 500 EQUIPMENT | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 600 LAND & STRUCTURES | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC. | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| TOTAL | | 483.9 | 522.6 | 564.5 | 609.6 | 658.4 |

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY 81 | FY 82 | FY 83 | FY 84 | FY 85 | FY 86 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| GENERAL FUND | | 483.9 | 522.6 | 564.5 | 609.6 | 658.4 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| OTHER (Specify Fund Source) | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |

POSITIONS

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| FULL TIME | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| PART TIME | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| TEMPORARY | | | | | | |

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Contractual

This fiscal note is based on the assumption that there would be twelve participants per year and that they would be paid the equivalent of a State of Alaska employee, Range 17, Step A.

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$29,460 |
| Benefits | 4,528 |
| SBS | 2,004 |
| Health Insurance | 1,848 |

\$37,840 x 12 = \$454,080

IV. DATE May 28, 1981 PREPARED BY McKie Campbell
 AGENCY Department of Community & Regional Affairs
 PHONE 465-4735

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

SB 514 Fiscal Note - (cont'd)

Contractual

We feel this pay range is appropriate for the positions the interns will be filling and necessary to cover the high costs of relocating for one year (moving expenses are not paid by the State). Because these funds are paid to the municipalities who, in turn, pay the interns, and because the interns are not State employees, these funds are listed under contractual rather than under personal services.

Also listed under contractual is \$10,000 to be used to put on a one-week training session in Anchorage at the start of the program. This is called for in Section 1(1) of the bill.

Travel

The assumptions under this section are that each intern will receive one paid trip from his or her village to Anchorage for the training meeting, five days per diem while at the meeting, and a paid trip from Anchorage to the participating municipality. During the year's internship, participants would receive one paid round trip to their village and a paid trip home from the municipality to their village at the end of the program. In addition, twelve trips by Department staff to assist and monitor the program are included.

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|---|----------------|
| \$200 x 12 | = \$2,400 |
| 5 days x \$67 per diem x 12 | = 4,020 |
| \$200 x 12 | = 2,400 |
| \$390 x 12 | = 4,680 |
| \$200 x 12 | = <u>2,400</u> |
| Subtotal | \$15,900 |
| \$190 x 12 | = \$2,280 |
| 24 days x \$70 per diem (state average) | = <u>1,680</u> |
| Total | \$19,860 |



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

Senate

Committee on

Community & Regional Affairs

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465-4935

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Donald Gilman, Chairman
Robert H. Ziegler, Sr., Vice-Chairman
Mike Colletta
Arliss Stargulewski
Frank Ferguson

May 26, 1981

The Honorable Don Bennett
Co-Chairman
Senate Finance Committee

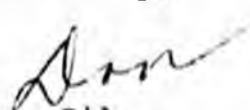
Subject: SB 514 (Municipal Internship and
Training Program)

Dear Senator Bennett:

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee has recommended that a pilot program be funded under the provisions of SB 514. The Department of Community and Regional Affairs has submitted to this committee a proposal for such a program. We find this proposal acceptable and forward it along with this letter for your consideration.

The department is in the process of preparing a fiscal note based on the proposal and will submit it for your committee's consideration as soon as it is completed.

Sincerely,


Don Gilman
Chairman
Community and Regional
Affairs Committee

Enclosure

May 21, 1981

TO: Senate Secretary

FROM: David Dye
Community and Regional Affairs
Committee Aide

The letter of intent for Senate Bill No. 514 is being prepared by Senator Ferguson and will be submitted as soon as possible.

LETTER OF INTENT

for SB 514

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee recommends that the Department of Community and Regional Affairs receive funds to initiate a one-year pilot program under this legislation. The Committee also recommends that the pilot program consist of twelve interns; one chosen from each of twelve districts whose boundaries correspond to those of the twelve ANCSA regional corporations. The committee further recommends that the Department formulate guidelines for the selection and administration of the program.

At the end of one year, the Department is requested to submit a review and analysis of the program including recommendations for continuing the program or altering it.

Don Gilman, Chairman

Robert Ziegler, Vice Chairman

Frank Ferguson

Arliss Sturgulewski

Mike Colletta

May 26, 1981

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Co-Chairman
Senate Finance Committee

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May 21, 1981

to: Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

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CITY OF BARROW

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May 12, 1981

Senator Don Gilman
Chairman/Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Gilman:

Please regard this letter as an endorsement of Senate Bill 514, "An Act Relating To A Municipal Training and Internship Program; and Providing For An Effective Date."

On behalf of the City of Barrow and the seven other villages on the North Slope, I would urge you to recommend passage of this bill by your committee and vote affirmatively when the bill comes to the floor for consideration.

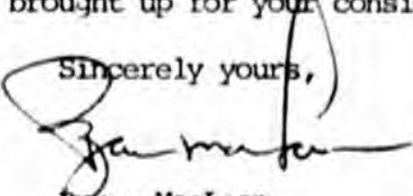
We view this bill as a vehicle through which regional, rural hubs like Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome, Bethel, and Dillingham will be able to assist the communities in their area, who wish to upgrade the skills and expertise of the municipal administrators in the respective smaller communities.

This bill is also viewed as a mechanism through which medium sized communities could help their municipal administrators upgrade their own skills and expertise by enrolling in this program at a larger participating municipality like Fairbanks, Anchorage, or Juneau.

To us, the benefits of such a program to the individuals, the respective communities, and the State seem self-evident. A program such as this will continue to provide benefits to the individuals involved, the respective communities and the State long after the program is completed and certainly the returns will be much greater, over a more extended period of time, than many of the one shot programs currently being proposed to take advantage of the State's additional wealth.

Many of us here in Barrow would welcome the opportunity to testify personally, via the Teleconference facility operated by the State's Legislative Information Department, when this bill is brought up for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Bryan MacLean
City Manager

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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: Finance

Date: 5/11/81

Mr. President:

The Committee on COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS has had SB 517

child care and day care assistance

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
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MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

CHAIRMAN

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CSSB 517 (C & RA)

Title An Act relating to child care and day care assistance.

Requested by Senate C & RA Committee

Date May 19, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Community and Regional Affairs

Program Category Affected Social Services

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Day Care Assistance Program

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY 81 | FY 82 | FY 83 | FY 84 | FY 85 | FY 86 |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 100 PERSONAL SERVICES | | 37.5 | 41.5 | 45.5 | 50.2 | 55.2 |
| 200 TRAVEL | | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| 300 CONTRACTUAL | | 104.3 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.3 |
| 400 COMMODITIES | | .2 | .2 | .2 | .3 | .3 |
| 500 EQUIPMENT | | 2.0 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 600 LAND & STRUCTURES | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC. | | 1852.9 | 2049.2 | 2254.1 | 2479.5 | 2727.5 |
| TOTAL | | 2010.9 | 2100.0 | 2309.9 | 2541.0 | 2795.1 |

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

| | 2010.9 | 2100.0 | 2309.9 | 2541.0 | 2795.1 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| OTHER (Specify Fund Source) | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |

POSITIONS

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| FULL TIME | | | | | |
| PART TIME | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| TEMPORARY | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Line 700 - Breakdown of Grant Costs

DIRECT COSTS

- \$ 500.0 Administrative costs to be paid to municipalities per Section 3.
- \$ 365.0 Cost of 107 new subsidized child slots and 27 new subsidized infant slots which we expect to be created in response to the availability of 10% administrative fees (134 new unsubsidized slots also expected). New slots are expected primarily in the Mat-Su and Kenai Boroughs.
 - 107 children x \$9 State cost x 264 attendance days = \$254,232
 - 27 infants x \$11 State cost x 264 attendance days = 78,408
 - + 10% administrative costs to municipalities = 33,264

\$365,904

IV. DATE May 19, 1981

PREPARED BY McKie Campbell

AGENCY Department of Community & Regional Affairs

PHONE 465-4735

Original Legislative Finance

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

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Airport

1. Fund existing program

2.

1. subsidy %
2. rates

Study

Letter

urgent need to increase funding
1. decrease of federal funding
2. etc, contribution

DCAP

adjust income for every
child participating

WCH

Pat Pullano - director, CTR

TNU

Pat Martin - Bureau Day Care Providers

TNU

Kay Bello - St. Jude's Center

TNU

Alice Ferrell - Children's Comm Center

WCH

Joan Nurser - Camp Fire

TNU

Judy Hall - Parent Board (St. Ann's)

TNU

Sister Elaine - St. Ann's Day Care

Bethel

Tiki Nealson - Bethel Day Care

TNU

Mike Stanley - DCAP

HSS

Doc Monroe - Family & Youth Serv.

FBKS

Patty Merrick - Play & Learn

TNU

Grace Sagarway - Parent Board

Children's Comm Center

Anch

Bessie Morley -

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 517 and 518

Title "An Act relating to day care"

Requested by Senate Community & Regional Affairs

Date April 28, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Community and Regional Affairs

Program Category Affected Community Development

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Day Care Assistance Program

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY 81 | FY 82 | FY 83 | FY 84 | FY 85 | FY 86 |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 100 PERSONAL SERVICES | | 37.5 | 41.5 | 45.6 | 50.2 | 55.2 |
| 200 TRAVEL | | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| 300 CONTRACTUAL | | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.3 |
| 400 COMMODITIES | | .2 | .2 | .2 | .3 | .3 |
| 500 EQUIPMENT | | 2.0 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 600 LAND & STRUCTURES | | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| 700 GRANTS CLAIMS, ETC. | | 7,464.8 | 8,476.4 | 8,926.0 | 9,402.6 | 9,902.0 |
| | -0- | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| GENERAL FUND | -0- | 7,512.8 | 8,527.2 | 8,981.8 | 9,461.1 | 9,969.6 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER (Specify Fund Source) | | | | | | |
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POSITIONS

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| FULL TIME | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| PART TIME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TEMPORARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

These figures include the day care grant funds as a result of the raise in subsidy scale level, local municipal administration cost for the program, and the child care grants, using as a base 5746 child care slots. This also includes the need to employ an additional Field Training Officer to monitor grant and program activities.

This does not include revising the scale annually, recognition that median income families may use the program on a more constant level, thus increasing the child care costs, more municipalities (organizations or day care centers, outside municipalities) may choose to contract with the department, or that more child care facilities will become licensed.

Future costs are projected assuming 10% inflation and program growth at 5% annually.

IV. DATE April 28, 1981

PREPARED BY *Luc*

AGENCY Department of Community & Regional Affairs

PHONE 264-2201

Original: Legislative Finance

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING PAGES WERE TREATED
AS A UNIT IN THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT.

April 29, 1981

Childcraft Center
P.O. Box 60543
250 C Street
Fairbanks, AK 99706

Finance Committee
Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Members of the Finance and Community & Regional
Affairs Committees:

I would like to state my unequivocal support for Senate Bills No. [REDACTED], both of which were introduced on April 24th by Senator Charlie Parr of Fairbanks. These two bills would provide for state aid to daycare centers, working parents, and, especially, the children of Alaska in the form of daycare assistance support for low and moderate income families and the child care grant program to daycare centers. Both of these objectives are worthy of your support and, as these bills have been referred to your committees, I would like to give some reasons why the measures proposed are needed by the parents and children of your state.

Childcraft Center is a private center providing 24 hour a day childcare, preschool services, and afterschool supervision of primary grade children. In these capacities we serve approximately 50 children attending fulltime and 30 children attending part-time; these children ranging from 1 1/2 years to 10 years of age. We charge \$1.00 an hour and \$.75 a meal for our services, one of the cheapest rates in town, but even so, some 25 of our families require the help of daycare assistance to meet the cost of their childcare. The amount of revenue we generate from our charges is barely sufficient to cover the basic operating expenses of the center (staff, rent, and food) and there is very little left over afterwards for toys, educational materials, or other child enrichment purchases.

There is a basic principle operating in the daycare field that seems to guarantee a situation wherein the operators of the centers must constantly choose between cutting back on our services and driving our families' basic living budgets drastically upward. To keep our rates reasonable, we must deny our children many of the things we would like for them to have: play structures, art materials, outdoor toys, and the like. Yet, even with these restrictions, there is no way to bring down the basic cost of daycare much more than the \$200.00 a month level for a fulltime child. If, on the other hand, we raised

rates in order to cover for the "extras" (which in our public schools are considered necessities), how many parents can cope with \$230-250-270 a month per child? This choice, which basically pits the interests of the parents against the interests of children, has been the dilemma of daycare ever since it became a viable field of family service. You now have the opportunity to do something about this problem, which is a state of affairs we would not let come to pass with our school children. Should we, then, allow it to be the lot of our preschoolers and their families?

A word should perhaps be put in about the level of daycare expenses. This bill would provide for a monthly child care grant of not more than \$100.00 per month per child, 75% of which must go to staff salaries and 25% to program upgrade. At the current time, I pay my preschool teachers \$5.00 per hour. Childcraft Center is one of the three or four top paying centers in town, yet our staff, some of whom are just as qualified as the teachers and aides in the public schools, make anywhere from 40 to 50% of a beginning public school teacher's starting hourly wage. Trained and dedicated people, no matter what their degree of commitment is, will rarely work long at a job that is near the bottom of the heap in salary and near the top in personal responsibility and energy demands. It is no surprise that the daycare field has an incredible turnover rate. If your child's elementary school had a teacher drop out rate of 80% a year, wouldn't you be a little upset? With the money under the child care grant program, we will be able to pay our teachers at a level more commensurate with their job responsibilities, say \$7.00 per hour, and hire more staff to give the children more individualized attention and instruction. These moves would help stabilize the staff situation and allow dedicated employees to remain in the field without paying a large financial penalty for that choice.

As for the 25% portion of the grant for program expenses, well, currently my teachers' requests for such items as crayons, paper, rubber playground balls, and the like must be carefully considered and budgeted for before they can be purchased. It is not appropriate to expect a three year old to draw with an inch of a broken crayon, but we have often had no alternative. As for large pieces of equipment or elementary school quality curriculum materials, it is nice to dream, but the realities remain: very few items like that ever come into a daycare center's possession. With the money made available by the child care grant, such dreams could, however, become reality. That decision remains with you.

In closing, I would like to say that I realize there are many demands and many bills facing your committees, each of which would have you spend some of the state's financial bonanza on projects and interests that field good arguments in their own behalf. This particular bill, however, is on behalf of the young children of this state, a group that is often overlooked because it has no effective voice as the business interests, education interests, or arts

interests have. This bill stipulates how the money is to be spent; the expenditures it stipulates accrue to the direct benefit of the children. There has been a lot of talk on a lot of issues, from the Permanent Fund to the agriculture investments, about benefiting the "future generations of Alaskans". The future generations are here now in the form of our children and these bills are your opportunity to do some direct concrete good for them. A rich early childhood learning and growing environment pays dividends to the individual and society long after a person has ceased being a child. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

Sincerely,



Alan Corrick
Director

P.S. I would be more than happy to submit documentation and supporting evidence on any point raised in this letter. Please feel free to contact me at the above address or call me anytime at (907) 452-4820.

FROM: BEN R. MATTFES, CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE ACTION COMMITTEE, BOX 80101,
COLLEGE, 99708 456-4057

QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN CANNOT BE OBTAINED UNLESS ADEQUATE WAGES ARE PAID TO CHILD CARE WORKERS. AT PRESENT, ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ENEPUT, ARE FORCED TO UNDERPAY STAFF MEMBERS IN THE NAME OF FISCAL RESTRAINT. I FEEL THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE SO. I ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSE THE SENATE BILLS 517 AND 518. I ENCOURAGE SENATE AND HOUSE MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME.

FROM: GEORGIA WALKER, CHILDCRAFT CENTER, P. O. BOX 74114, FAIRBANKS 99701
I TOTALLY SUPPORT BOTH BILLS AND DO FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR, PARENTS, THE STATE OF ALASKA, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF TOMORROW'S LEADERS AND THE CHILDREN WHO DESERVE THE BEST POSSIBLE.

MSG 81-00014953 PRTY 1 04/30/81 16:40:06 ORIG: LF01 IN= 0004 OUT= 0104
FROM: ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS TO: JUNEAN INFO.
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: FOM PAGE 0005

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FROM: DEBI STACY, P. O. BOX 122, FAIRBANKS 99707 479-5587 / 452-2056

AS A FULL TIME WORKING PARENT OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN, I FULLY SUPPORT ANY BILL TO SUPPORT DAY CARE CENTERS. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO WORK IF A GOOD CENTER WAS NOT AVAILABLE AND NOT FEASIBLE IF THEY RAISE THEIR RATES. AS A SALARIED EMPLOYEE, I WORK MANY EXTRA HOURS THAT I COULDN'T PAY CHILD CARE FOR AT HIGHER RATES. THEREFORE, ANY BILL TO RAISE DAY CARE STANDARDS AND MAINTAIN RATES IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.

FROM: DALE ANDERSON, BOX 81122, COLLEGE 99708 472-5457

IN SUPPORT OF BILLS 517 AND 518 AND WOULD URGE ITS PASSAGE, TO HELP QUALITY DAY CARE IN OUR FAIRBANKS AREA.

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FROM: LINDA DEVAUGHN, 250 C STREET, FAIRBANKS 99701 452-4820

CHILDCARE CENTERS ARE USUALLY NOT QUITE ADEQUATE BECAUSE OF LACK OF MONIES FOR THE PERSONS WHO RUN THEM. THE CHILDCRAFT CENTER IS AN EXCEPTIONAL DAY CARE CENTER. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY DO SO WELL ON HAVING TO PAY THEIR PERSONNEL ALASKA PRICES. I THINK THAT PART OF THE RICHNESS OF THIS STATE SHOULD BE WELL SPENT ON THE CHILDREN.

FROM: BEGGY VLIET, BOX 73431, FAIRBANKS 99707

I SUPPORT THESE BILLS. I FEEL DAY CARE IS VERY IMPORTANT. TO GET GOOD HELP WE NEED BETTER PAY SO PEOPLE APPRECIATE IT AND STRIVE TO DO DAY CARE BETTER. DAY CARE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. I WANT MY CHILD TO BE RAISED. (JUST LIKE I WOULD IN A BETTER PLACE)

MSG 81-00014953 PRTY 1
FROM: ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM

TO: JUNEAU INFO.

TO: SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS:
SENS. GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLIETTA, FERGUSON AND STURGULEWSKI

SENATE FINANCE:
SENS. BENNETT, DANKWORTH, ELIASON, SACKETT, AND STINSON

FAIRBANKS DELEGATION:
SENS. PARR AND FAHRENKAMP
REPS. BROWN, FANNING, RANDOLPH, BETTISWORTH, ROGERS AND SMITH

RE: SB517 AND SB518

(ALL OF THE MESSAGES LISTED BELOW SHOULD GO TO THE ABOVE REPRESENTATIVES
AND SENATORS)

MSG 81-00014953 PRTY 1 04/30/81 16:40:06 ORIG: LF01 IN= 0004 OUT= 0101
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TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0002

(CONTINUED SB517 AND SB518)

FROM: MARK ELLINGSON, P. O. BOX 81434, FAIRBANKS 99707 479-2067

SINCE THE GREATEST RESOURCE WE HAVE IN BUILDING FUTURE OF ALASKA IS OUR CHILDREN, AND THE LEVEL OF OUR COMMITMENT IS REFLECTED BY THE RESOURCES WE DEVOTE TO THEM, I FEEL THAT SB517 AND SB518 ARE WOEFULLY INADEQUATE IN THE PROVISIONS THEY MAKE FOR CHILD CARE. THIS IS THE ONE STATE IN THE 1200'S THAT HAS NO EXCUSE FOR NEGLECTING CHILDREN. MAY I URGE A STRONG AND BOLD MOVE BY YOU FOR OUR KIDS.

FROM: JAY F. SELDEN, 4950 DRAKE #3, FAIRBANKS 479-2515

I SUPPORT THESE BILLS.

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FROM: ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS TO: JUNEAU INFO.
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0003

(CONTINUED SB517 AND SB518)

FROM: MARYLOU A. HERMANN, ENEPUT CHILD CARE CENTER, P. O. BOX 00452, COLLEGE ALASKA 99701 479-6844 OR 479-5917

AS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF AT ENEPUT CHILD CARE CENTER I HOPE YOU TO PASS SENATE BILL 517 AND 518 AS WE NEED MORE FINANCING TO INCREASE THE PAY OF STAFF AND MONTHLY HOURLY WAGES FOR THOSE WHO WORK HERE

FROM: TRAVIS THOMPSON, CHILD CARE CENTER, COLLEGE ALASKA
FAIRBANKS 99701 479-4177

AS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF AT ENEPUT CHILD CARE CENTER I HOPE YOU TO PASS SENATE BILL 517 AND 518 AS WE NEED MORE FINANCING TO INCREASE THE PAY OF STAFF AND MONTHLY HOURLY WAGES FOR THOSE WHO WORK HERE

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MSG 81-00014693 PRTY 1 04/29/01 16:00:48 ORIG: LFOO IN= 0010 OUT= 0090
FROM: ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS TO: JUNEAU INFO.
TARGET: LJM2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0001

TO: SENATE COMM. & R.A. SENS. GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON
AND STURGULEWSKI
ALSO REPS. BETTISWORTH, BROWN, RANDOLPH, ROGERS, SMITH AND FANNING,
SENS. FAHRENKAMP, BENNETT, AND PARR

RE: SB517 AND SB518

(ALL THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES CONCERNING SB517 & SB518 ARE TO GO TO THE
ABOVE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE.)

FROM: BRENDA HILL, 547 7TH AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF SB517 AND SB518 REGARDING FUNDING DAY CARE ASSISTANCE.
I STRONGLY URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE BILLS. THANK YOU

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(CONTINUED SB517 & SB518)

FROM: MATHEW L. DRAKE, 547 7TH AVE, FAIRBANKS 99701

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF SB517 AND SB518 REGARDING FUNDING DAY CARE ASSISTANCE.
I STRONGLY URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE BILLS.

FROM: MARGARET SMITH, 547 7TH AVE, FAIRBANKS 99701

I AM IN FAVOR OF SB517 & SB518 SENATE BILLS. I THINK THE BILLS SHOULD BE
PASSED. IT WOULD GO FOR THE CARE OF THE CHILDREN, BY SUPPORTING THEM AND
THEIR FAMILIES.

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(CONTINUED SB517 & SB518)

FROM: MARGARET SORTMAN, 547 7TH AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701

I AM IN SUPPORT OF SB517 & 518. I FEEL IT WOULD MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE
IN PROVIDING BETTER DAY CARE.

FROM: BETTY PEARSON, 547 7TH AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701

PLEASE SUPPORT SENATE BILL 517 AND 518. WITH WORKING MOTHERS AND ONE
PARENT HOMES WE NEED THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE.

FROM: JO LYNN GOOSHAW, 547 7TH AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701
THE PASSING OF BILL 517 & 518 WOULD REALLY BENEFIT OUR DAY CARE PROGRAMS
AND HELP PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES FOR US AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

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FROM: SUZANNE K. GUINN, S. L. 10571 FAIRBANKS 99701

I STRONGLY URGE PASSAGE OF BOTH SENATE BILLS 517 AND 518 CONCERNING REGULA-
TION CONCERNING DAY CARE SUPPORT. QUALITY DAY CARE IS A SCARCITY HERE IN
FAIRBANKS AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THESE BILLS WOULD GREATLY HELP
PROVIDE THESE SERVICES. AS A WORKING MOTHER I AM EXTREMELY IN NEED OF THIS
BATTLE.

FROM: ANNE K. GUINN, S. L. 10571 FAIRBANKS 99701

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SENATE BILLS 517 AND 518 AS DAY CARE IS IN GREAT
NEED.

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MSG 81-00014671 PRTY 1 04/29/81 14:37:00 ORIG: LF00 IN= 0002 QUT= 0079
FROM: MAXINE/FAIRBANKS TO: JUNO INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUPJ: POM PAGE 0004

TO: SEN GIL'IAN, CHAIRMAN, SEN C & R A
SEN'S ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGULEWSKI

FR: BETTY RAY, BOX 2511, FAIRBANKS 99707 FH---

RE: SB 517,518

PLEASE PASS THE ABOVE STATED SENATE BILLS RE: DAY-CARE FUNDING.

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MSG 81-00014671 PRTY 1 04/29/81 14:37:00 ORIG: LF00 IN= 0009 OUT= 0079
FROM: MAXINE/FAIRBANKS TO: JUNO INFO
TARGET: JH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0003

TO: SEN FARR, SEN GILMAN, SEN ZIEGLER, SEN COLLETTA, SEN FERGUSON
SEN S URGULEWSKI

FR: ELIZAGETH COOK, BOX 2511, FAIRBANKS 99707 PH. 452-1600

RE: SB 517, 518

DAY CARE ASSISTANCE FUNDING VITAL TO ECONOMIC STABILITY OF STATE,
WITHOUT IT 20% OF LABOR FORCE SUBJECT TO INADEQUATE INDIVIDUAL CARE.
FAIRBANKS 2000 OPENINGS SHORT NOW. THANK YOU

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FROM: MAXINE/FAIRBANKS TO: JUNO INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0001

TO: SEN'S GILMAN, CHAIRMAN, SENATE C & RA
SEN'S ZIEGLAER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGIU EWSKI

FR: ELIZABETH SPRINGER, SR 70318, FAIRBANKS 99701 PH. 488-2022

RE: SB 517, 518

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ABOVE BILLS.

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MSG 81-00014705 PRTY 1 04/22/81 16:44:39 ORIG 1500 IN# 0012 OUT# 0095
FROM MAXINE/FAIRBANKS TO JUNG INFO
TARGET LHM2 SUBJ POM PAGE 0001

TO: SEN GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGULEWSKY
SEN COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS CMTE

RE: SB 517, SB 518 ALL BELOW MESSAGES ARE PERTAINING TO THESE
BILLS

FR: ALICE M ROOF, 547 - 7TH AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 518, 517. PLEASE SUPPORT SB 517, 518. THE DAY
CARE CENTER IS IN NEED OF YOUR SUPPORT.

MSG 81-00014705 PRTY 1 04/22/81 16:44:39 ORIG 1500 IN# 0012 OUT# 0095
FROM MAXINE/FAIRBANKS TO JUNG INFO
TARGET LHM2 SUBJ POM PAGE 0002

SB 517, 518 CONT.

FR: ESTERITA TAPIA, 4234 PALMVALE STREET FAIRBANKS 99701

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 517, 518. THANK YOU

FR: MARJORIE BEIGER, 24 FARWELL ST FAIRBANKS 99701

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 517, 518. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS GOOD DAY CARE SERVICES.

FR: PAT S HENDERSON, SR BOX 40025 FAIRBANKS 99701

I SUPPORT SB 517, 518.

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FROM: MAXINE/FAIRBANKS
TARGET: L.JH2 SUBJ: POM

TO: JUNO INFO

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TO: SEN GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGILENSKI
FR: FRANCES GOLLIHUGH, BOX 72961, FAIRBANKS 99701 PH. 479-5200
RE: SB 517, 518

WITH THE RISING COST OF LIVING COMPARED TO THE PERCENT OF WAGE INCREASE IT IS HARD FOR PARENTS TO KEEP UP WITH DAY CARE COST. ANY HELP THE STATE COULD GIVE WOULD PROVIDE BETTER QUALITY CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND BETTER TRAINED PERSONNEL.

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TARGET: L.JH2 SUBJ: POM

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TO: SEN GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGILENSKI
FR: BONNIE JOHNSTONE, 421 LAKEVIEW TR CT., FAIRBANKS 99701
PH 452-6415
RE: SB 517, 518

WE NEED GOOD DAY CARE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND WE NEED THIS BILL PASSED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. WE WANT YOU TO PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

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TARGET: L.JH2 SUBJ: POM

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TO: SEN GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGILENSKI
FR: GRETCHEN RAY, 343 14TH AVE FAIRBANKS ALASKA 99701
CAROLYN TAYLOR, 1542 PARK ST FAIRBANKS 99701
PH: 479-5112

PLEASE PASS THE ABOVE BILLS. THANK

FROM: MAXINE FAIRBANKS TO: JUNO INFO
TARGET: L.JH2 SUBJ: POM

TO: SEN GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGILENSKI

PLEASE PASS THE ABOVE AND CREATE BILL

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MSG 81-00014703 PRTY 1 04/29/81 16:31:13 ORIG: LF00 IN= 0011 OUT= 0093
FROM: MAXINE/FAIRBANKS TO: JUNG INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0001

TO: SEN GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGULEWSKI
SEN COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFA S COMMITTEE

RE: HB 317, HB 318

ALL BELOW MESSAGES ARE TO THE ABOVE COMMITTEE AND CONCERN THE
ABOVE BILLS.....
FR: LOUIE J JANESS, 138 BARANOF, FAIRBANKS 99701 PH. 456-2026

I AM ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT SB 517, 518 DEALING WITH DAY CARE ASSISTANCE.
I BELIEVE THIS IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION

FR: WILLIE HUBERT, 547 - 7TH AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 517, 518 TO IMPROVE OUR DAY CARE AND HELP
US TO HAVE BETTER FACILITIES. THANK YOU-----

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FROM: MAXINE/FAIRBANKS TO: JUNG INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0002

CONT SB 317, 318

FR: MARIE BERNAL, 547 - 7TH AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701

PLEASE PASS SB 517, 518 IT WILL BENEFIT OUR DAY CARE PROGRAMS
AND WILL PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES TO OUR COMMUNITY.

RE: SB 317, 318

FR: SYDNEY NEHRFISCH, 547 - 7TH AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701

PLEASE PASS SB 317, 318. IT WILL BENEFIT OUR DAY CARE CENTERS
AND PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES TO OUR COMMUNITY.

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MSG 81-00014853 PRTY 1 04/30/81 12:24:45 DRIG: LA00 IN= 0008 OUT= 0050
FROM: LOU TO: JNU INFO
TARGET: LJM2 SUBJ POM *e* PAGE 0001

TO: SENATORS GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, STURGULEWSKI
FROM: DR. RUTH KEITZ, PRESIDENT, CAMPFIRE CHUGACH COUNCIL,
326 "H" STREET, ANC. 99501 272 3551

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAMPFIRE CHUGACH COUNCIL STRONGLY SUPPORTS
SPEEDY PASSAGE OF SB-517 AND SB-519. THIS BILL WILL HELP CAMPFIRE AND OTHER
CHILDCARE CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE FULFILL OUR COMMITMENTS TO CHILDREN
AND PROVIDE THE KIND OF CARE AND PROGRAMS THEY NEED AND DESIRE.
WE SUPPORT THE 17,000,000 LEVEL OF FUNDING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY
AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF.

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MSG 81-00014882 PRTY 1 04/30/81 13:19 04 ORIG LF00 IN= 0006 OUT= 0070
FROM ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS TO JUNEAU INFO.
TARGET LHM2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0001

TO: SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMM.
SENS. GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, AND STURGULEWSKI

SENATE FINANCE:
SENS. BENNETT, DANKWORTH, ELIASON, SACKETT, STIMSON

FAIRBANKS DELEGATION:
SENS. FAHRENKAMP AND FARR
REPS. ROGERS, RANDOLPH, SMITH, BROWN, BETTISWORTH AND FANNING

RE: S.B. 517 AND S.B. 518

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FROM DORIS NICHOLS, S. R. BOX 40511, FAIRBANKS 99701 452-2315

I SUPPORT BILL 517 AND 518. I FEEL DAY CARE CENTERS ARE REALLY NEEDED,
AND THE SALARIES NEED TO BE UPGRADED AT ALL CENTERS AND THIS BILL WILL
DEFINITELY HELP IN THAT AREA. MANY HOURS OF HARD AND DEDICATED WORK
ARE PUT IN BY THE INSTRUCTORS.

FROM CINDY L. SAXTON, 250 C STREET, FAIRBANKS 99701 452-4221

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE BILL. IT WILL BE THE BEST THING FOR OUR CHILDREN
IF THE BILL IS PASSED WE WOULD HAVE THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND
BETTER PAY FOR OUR TEACHERS SALARIES. I HOPE THE BILL WILL BE PASSED
AS WE NEED THESE THINGS.

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TARGET LHM2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0003

(CONTINUED SB517 AND SB518)

FROM DELORA A. FRANCIS, CHILD CARE CENTER, 214 C STREET, FAIRBANKS 99701
2-4820

IF THE BILL IS PASSED THE DAY CARES WILL HAVE MORE FUNDS SO THAT THEY WILL
HAVE THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE MATERIALS FOR THE BETTER EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.
PART OF THE MONEY WILL BE GOING TO TEACHERS SALARIES, WHO ARE UNDER PAID.
IN THE STAFF POINT OF VIEW FROM A TEACHER I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE BILL

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TARGET: LJM2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0004

(CONTINUED ON SB517 AND SB518)

FROM: KATY PARRISH, CHILDCRAFT CENTER, 612 NORTHWARD BLDG., FAIRBANKS 99701
456-1049

ALASKA IS IN GREAT NEED OF QUALITY DAYCARE FACILITIES. THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 517 AND 518 WOULD SURELY HELP CHILD CARE CENTERS IN ALASKA UPGRADE STAFFING AND CURRICULUM. AS A TEACHER OF 4 YEAR OLDS, MORE ADULT HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. HELPING OUR FUTURE LEADERS WITH OUR LONG AWAITED BOOST OF THE STATE BUDGET SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT.

FROM: GARY CORRICK, 305 HAINES AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701 456-4938

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SENATE BILLS 517 AND 518. I FEEL THAT THERE ARE FEW THINGS WHICH ARE MORE DESERVING OF FUNDING THAN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

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FROM: CHERYL DEWESE, 250 D STREET, FAIRBANKS 99701 452-2010

I WOULD EMPHATICALLY URGE THE SUPPORT AND PASSAGE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED BILLS ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, A DAYCARE OPERATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FUNDS TO PAY MY STAFF REASONABLE RATES AND PURCHASER PLAY EQUIPMENT WHICH WE ARE SOBERLY LACKING. ALSO, ON SUPPORT OF MY 4 YEAR OLD SON WHO BENEFITS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT PROVIDED BY DAYCARE SERVICES AND WOULD BENEFIT EVEN MORE BY INCREASED QUALITY AND ENHANCED PROGRAMS.

FROM: BARBARA ANDERSON, CHILDCRAFT CENTER, BOX 0122 COLLEGE, 99708 479-5457

I AM IN SUPPORT OF BILL 517 AND 518 AND WOULD URGE ITS PASSAGE TO HELP MAINTAIN QUALITY DAYCARE IN OUR FAIRBANKS AREA.

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(CONTINUED SB 517 AND SB 518)

FROM: JUANITA L. PATES, 2045 LAFAYETTE TERRACE, FAIRBANKS 99701 479-4484

I SUPPORT BILLS 517 AND 518. THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ARE A GREAT NECESSITY FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY CONTINUING WORKING. CONSIDERING THE TIME AND CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS, I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD HAVE THE BEST QUALITY PROGRAMS POSSIBLE FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE THEY CAN PROVIDE.

FROM: ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS TO: JUNEAU INFO.

MSG 81-00014882 PRTY 1 04/30/81 13:19:04 ORIG. LF00 IN= 0006 OUT= 0070
FROM ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS 10 JUNEAU INFO.
TARGET LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0010

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FROM TERESA CAMPBELL, BOX 541 FAIRBANKS 99701 493 2240

I SUPPORT BILL 517. ANYTHING THAT CAN IMPROVE OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND GIVE HELP TO OUR DAY CARE CENTERS FOR THEIR STAFF AND SUPPLIES THIS HELP PARENTS GET GOOD CHILD CARE SERVICES TO THEIR CHILDREN MAKING IT MORE WORTH THEIR WHILE TO WORK OR FURTHER THEIR OWN EDUCATION IS DEFINITELY GOOD

FROM RUTH LISTER, CHIEF/UT CHILDRENS CENTER, S. R. 2051 FAIRBANKS 99701
452-2293

AS A DAY CARE OPERATOR I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PASS THIS BILL. GOOD QUALITY DAY CARE IS THE RIGHT OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THIS REQUIRES ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY A STABLE WELL-TRAINED STAFF AND TO BUY GOOD EQUIPMENT AND LEARNING MATERIALS.

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TO: SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMM.
SENC. GILMAN, ZIEGLER, COLLETTA, FERGUSON, AND STURMELINSKI
SENATE FINANCE:
SENC. BENNETT, DANKWORTH, ELIASON, SACKETT, STINSON,
AND FAIRBANKS DELEGATION:
SENC. FAHRENKAMP AND FARR
REPS. ROGERS, RANDOLPH, SMITH, BROWN, BETTISWORTH AND FANNING

RE: S.B. 517 AND S.B. 518

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(CONTINUED SB517 & SB518)

FROM: THERESA J. HELTON, 240 MINNIE ST., FAIRBANKS 99701 452-5037

I SUPPORT SB517. I BELIEVE ITS PASSAGE WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF DAY CARE CHILD CARE IN THE FAIRBANKS AREA. IT WOULD PROVIDE MORE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION, BETTER EDUCATIONAL TOOLS, AND OVER ALL IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF DAY CARE CENTERS.

FROM: PAUL M. BEU, BOX 10099, FAIRBANKS 99707, 452-5037

WITH OVER 50% OF MOTHERS BEING IN THE WORKING FORCE IT HAS BECOME IMPERATIVE THAT QUALITY DAY CARE BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR CHILDREN. I BELIEVE THAT AVAILABILITY, ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO MEET ADDITIONAL COSTS. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL. BEING A WORKING MOTHER, MY ACCESS TO DAY CARE IS LIMITED.

FROM: ENVELOPE 1005TH, CHILDREN'S CENTER, 212 10th STREET, FAIRBANKS 99701 452-4820

I, AS A FULL TIME WORKING PARENT, AM IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF SENATE BILLS 517 AND 518. IT WOULD BRING GREAT SATISFACTION TO MY FAMILY TO SEE AVAILABLE MONIES APPROPRIATED TO SUCH A NOBLY CAUSE. OUR CHILDREN AND LEADERS OF TOMORROW, WITH THE NECESSARY FAMILY MEMBER WORKING SITUATION AS IT PRESENTLY IS, WE MUST REALIZE THAT A GREAT DEAL OF OUR CHILDRENS INFLUENCE COMES FROM THE DAY CARE THEY RECEIVE. THERE CAN ONLY BE A POSITIVE RESULT TO UPGRADING DAY CARE FACILITIES AND THE FUNDING SOURCE TO ALL AMERICAN PARENTS AND NON PARENTS. I HEAVILY CONSIDER PASSING THESE BILLS.

(CONTINUED SB517 AND SB518)

FROM: LONI E. FARNETTE, 212 10th St., FAIRBANKS 99701 452-4820

I SUPPORT BILLS SB517 AND SB518. I AND MY HUSBAND ARE FULL TIME WORKING PARENTS. WE DEPEND UPON A GOOD DAY CARE FACILITY. WITHOUT WHICH WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO WORK. MY CHILD SPENDS MORE TIME CALLED TIME AT THE DAY CARE CENTER. THEREFORE I SUPPORT ANY BILL THAT WOULD HELP THAT CENTER TO DO THE BEST THEY CAN FOR MY CHILD AND OTHERS LIKE HER.

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CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CENTER
211 Cordova Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Senator Donald Gilman, Chairman
Community and Regional Affairs Committee
Pouch 5
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator:

We, at Children's Community Center, support Senate Bill #517, and Senate Bill #518, an act relating to child care and day care assistance. This type of grant is greatly needed by all day care centers and day care homes if the day care programs throughout the state are to continue. Day care finds itself in such a financial bind that there is no alternative except to tax the financial reserves of the very people it is trying to serve. We here at Children's Community Center find this morally difficult to do as we service a community of low-income people and the burden on these parents is great enough. It is of great necessity that some form of aid be provided to the centers and homes in order to alleviate the financial difficulties placed on them and the people they serve.

Alice Verrelli
Director

April 29, 1981

Donald Gilman
Chairman of Community & Regional Affairs
Juneau, Alaska

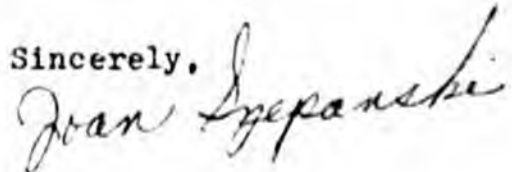
Dear Mr. Gilman:

I'm a concerned parent of St. Ann's Nursery Program. With the money cuts of the Federal Government I'm in full support of the Senate Bill S-517.

This bill is in great need to continue the quality of educational programs and growth of personality of our children. Without this bill our children will not get the balanced meals they need for physical and mental growth.

Hopefully these concerns will be met.

Sincerely,



Joan Szepanski
Box 2588
Juneau, Alaska 99803

April 30, 1981

The Honorable Donald E. Gilman
Chairman of Community & Regional
Affairs Senate Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Gilman:

I would like to express my support for Senate Bill No. 517 relating to child care and day care assistance. At present I have an eleven month old child enrolled in a day care program in Juneau. The quality of care at that facility is excellent, but I understand that the facility faces severe financial difficulties. Already many of those working at that facility do so on a voluntary, unpaid basis.

I strongly support the mechanisms which SB 517 provides for state contributions to these private day care facilities, and also to municipalities. Because of the high cost of living in Alaska, it is often necessary for both parents to work. The absence of adequate day care facilities, which are affordable to low and moderate income families, creates intense financial and emotional pressure within the family, and is ultimately disruptive to the community as a whole. This bill will provide the needed funding for continuing the excellent child care programs offered in this community, and may provide for expansion of day care programs through arrangements with the municipality.

Many women currently employed by the state are forced by both economic needs and state work schedules to hold full-time jobs. Without adequate child care facilities, state workers face constant worries about the quality of care provided to their children, and have difficulty locating and paying for sitters for their children. By ensuring that adequate child care facilities are provided to the community, the state, as the largest employer in this community, ultimately

The Honorable Donald E. Gilman
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This year I feel that I have been very fortunate in having excellent child care facilities available. It is of vital importance to me that that service continue.

Sincerely,

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Leslie J. Ludtke

April 29, 1981

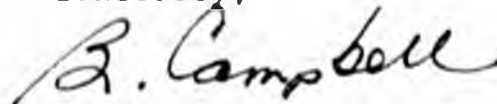
The Honorable Donald E. Gilman
Chairman of Community & Regional
Affairs Senate Committee
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Gilman:

I am writing in regards to the day care problem that the providers in the Juneau area are having.

I am a single parent with one child, two years old, going to a nursery full-time and another child, nine years old, in need of child care during the summer months. The nine year old could also use after school care but I feel I am unable to afford what it would cost to have her cared for. I am on the day care assistance program and without their help I would be having a difficult time getting by on a month-to-month basis. At present, I feel secure in leaving my child at the St. Ann's Nursery and would be terribly disappointed if they were forced to close their doors. Monthly the nursery is losing money as is every other child care facility in Juneau, and soon they will either have to raise their rates or go out of business. If they raise their rates to just make ends meet, the new rates will be difficult for many families to afford. How can we solve this problem and still have quality child care? I have obtained a copy of SB 517 and I am in support of seeing this bill passed.

Sincerely,



Bernadette L. Campbell

April 29, 1981

Mr. Donald Gilman
Chairman of Community and Regional Affairs
Juneau, Ak

Dear Sir:

I am a parent who is very concerned over the quality of day care my child is getting. The options for single parents are very few. It seems that even in the Christian Day Care environment that they are slowly being reduced to just maintenance and custodial day care. I support Senate Bill S-517.

Thank You for your concern.



Susan Freeman
Box 1073
Juneau, Ak.

April 29, 1981

Mr. Donald Gilman
Chairman of Community
and Regional Affairs
Juneau, Ak.

Dear Sir:

I am in full support of Senate Bill S-517.

As a concerned parent I am worried about the quality of day care my children are getting. As a mother that has to work to support the family the options in day care facilities are limited. Even in the best day care centers the environment is slowly being reduced to that of maintenance and custodial services. Thank you for your concern and efforts to raise the quality of day care.

Sincerely



Vicki Dunayski
Box 2402
Juneau, Ak. 99803

This is my testimony in support of SB 517, a bill to provide assistance to day care centers.

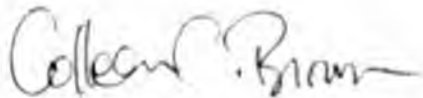
I am a parent whose son has attended St. Ann's nursery and day care centers for four years. He has grown and matured there and has received excellent care.

Day care is not just a convenient place to leave a child - it is a necessity for working parents like my husband and me who cannot afford to give up one of our jobs. Before my son entered St. Ann's, he had stayed with a variety of babysitters, and I learned that "at-my-home" care is not adequate. The at-home giver of child care usually has small children of her own and is trying to supplement the family's income by taking care of several others. This is not professional care, and it does not provide the kind of environment where a child can learn and develop maturity within a group of peers. And at St. Ann's, that group of peers is a racial mix that, better than anything I could say or do, teaches my son that racial prejudice is not to be even considered, much less tolerated.

The day care workers themselves can be likened to teachers, except in the matter of pay. I have seen teacher after teacher leave the day care center because a dedication to and love of children does not put food on the table. It is the sad truth that if day care workers were paid what they should be earning, parents could not afford the price.

Why should the state assist day care centers? Because without this assistance many centers will either have to close or lower the quality of their care. And day care centers provide a needed service to the community by bringing stability into the lives of children who will someday be that community's active citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to hear my testimony.



Colleen C. Brown
Box 356
Juneau, Alaska 99802
465-4645 - work

Sirs;

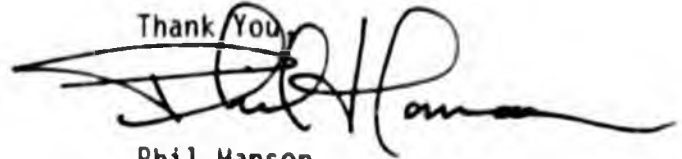
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I am a parent with 1 child in Day Care. Between the cut backs in the Federal Budget and inflation cutting into the dollar the Day Care is slowly being reduced to just minimal care.

I support SB 517. Without this assistance Day Cares will close and the whole community will suffer.

We already have a number of giveaway programs in which people get money for contributing nothing. How about doing something for the people we will be one day turning the world over to ---- the kids.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Hanson". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "P" and "H".

Phil Hanson
10905 Loop Rd
Juneau, Alaska 99801

April 30, 1981

Donald E. Gilman, Chairman
Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Room 203 Behrends Bldg.
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Senate Bill 517 - Day Care Legislation

Mr. Chairman:

As a working parent with two children in day care, I would like to submit this statement for the committee's consideration.

First, I would urge your immediate attention and passage of this bill. It is vital to the survival of day care homes and centers that recognition and assistance be provided this year. A group of local parents and providers, called Child Advocates, is organizing to promote awareness in the community of young childrens' needs. At the present time, the availability of high quality day care is of the highest priority. One of the ways to make his kind of day care available is through the support of the Legislature in passing a bill such as SB 517.

I am on the Parent Board at the day care center which my children attend and thus could provide you with some insight into the operation of a center. Please feel free to call me for this information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judith Hall

Judith Hall
5045 Thane Road
Juneau, Alaska 99801
586-1445 work
586-6605 home

April 30, 1981

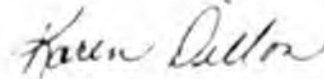
Donald E. Gilman, Chairman
Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Room 203 Behrends Bldg.
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Senate Bill 517 - Day Care Legislation

Mr. Chairman:

The importance of early childhood care and education must be realized by all and cannot be over-emphasized at this time. As a parent and member of Child Advocates, I am in support of Senate Bill 517 in its entirety and would urge immediate attention and passage of this bill. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Karen Dillon
RR 3, Box 3787
Juneau, Alaska 99801

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES

POUCH H-05
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE: (907) 465-3170

April 30, 1981

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Honorable Donald E. Gilman
Chairman SCRAC
Alaska State Legislature
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Gilman:

The intent of this letter is to share the Division's views regarding Senate Bill No. 517 and Senate Bill No. 518 scheduled for hearings by your Committee on Thursday of this week.

These Bills would amend the Day Care Assistance Statute by adding provisions to expand the eligible families to those of moderate income and those seeking work, to require payment to municipalities for administering the Day Care Assistance Program, to establish a child care grant program, and to make special appropriations for child care assistance.

While the Department of Community and Regional Affairs has major responsibility for purchase of day care, this Division maintains responsibility for purchase of day care in child protective cases and for WIN registrants. These programs are not named in this Bill, however, we have adhered to a policy of administering our day care programs in a manner consistent with Day Care Assistance. From a licensing perspective, the Division has an interest in the financial viability and stability of day care facilities.

The Division has no objection to expanding the group of eligible families to include the moderate income group if a priority system is established to ensure the availability of services to those most economically in need. We also believe that providing day care service while a parent is "seeking work," including job interviewing, testing, employment counseling, and other activities that enhance a person's job search, is appropriate State policy.

Financial assistance to municipalities to defray the costs of administering the Day Care Assistance Program is helpful. Some communities have opted not to participate in the Day Care Assistance Program because of the administrative costs involved, and in some instances a local day care center has absorbed these costs and acted as the administrator in order to have the Day Care Assistance Program in their community. This amendment would offset financial hardships experienced by communities. It may result in additional communities choosing to participate in the Program.

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Day care providers are experiencing financial hardships due to inflation, as well as to the Federal budget reductions. Some are experiencing difficulties in maintaining licensing standards. The Division has an interest in the stability of day care centers and homes and in the quality of care provided. For these reasons we endorse the concept of a grant program. We are especially appreciative of the language of subsection (e). Targeting the grant funds for staff salaries, training, nutrition, and equipment will result in definite quality improvements.

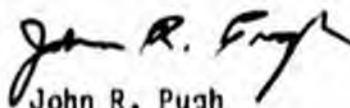
Family day care providers serving five or six unrelated children frequently clear no more than \$300 to \$500 per month after expenses. The grant program will have a major financial impact on these homes. No more than an estimated 10% of the homes providing day care in Alaska are licensed. There is potential under the grant program for hundreds of unlicensed homes to seek licensing to increase their financial benefits. If this occurs, the Division of Family and Youth Services will need additional licensing staff to perform the licensing reviews.

We have conferred with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs on the special appropriations Bill. They will be commenting on fiscal impact.

I hope that sharing our views is useful to the Committee. I wish to reiterate that there is definite need to provide stability and quality improvement in the day care field, and we are pleased that the Senate is considering measures to meet that need.

I and members of my staff would be most happy to provide further information at your request.

Sincerely,


John R. Pugh
Director

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THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU

CAPITAL OF ALASKA

155 SOUTH SEWARD ST. JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

April 30, 1981

Senator Gilman and members of the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to provide evidence of the need for additional funding for day care centers based on studies performed by the City and Borough of Juneau.

In response to citizen requests to the Assembly concerning the serious financial plight of local day care centers, the Assembly directed that a financial study of all local day care centers be implemented. Subsequently the revenue and expenses of all local centers were examined.

The study, presented to the Assembly in January, 1980 concluded:

1. All local day care centers examined had similar costs and operations.
2. Each center examined paid extremely low salaries. For example, a full time day care teacher was found to earn approximately 25 percent of the salary and benefits of a regular teacher in the school system.
3. Each center reported operating losses of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per month and only centers with additional support from a charitable organization, such as a church, or another supporting business, could afford to provide day care services.
4. The only local day care center which did not have the ability to at least temporarily absorb operating losses was the Children's Community Center, which had no parent or supporting organization.

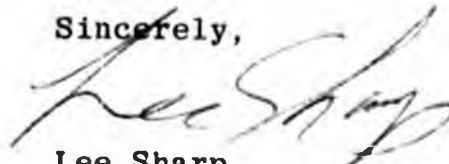
Based on this study, the Assembly awarded \$4,000 each to two centers and since November, 1979, has awarded \$26,000 in emergency support to the Children's Community Center. In addition the Children's Community Center also leases its building from the City and Borough for well under market value.

In conclusion, day care centers, at least locally, are literally hanging on by a thread financially while possibly

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not being able to provide the level of day care services desired due to low staff salaries and lack of funds for equipment, etc. The Assembly urges the State to provide additional continuing assistance to day care centers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lee Sharp".

Lee Sharp
City/Borough Attorney

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WITNESSES FOR
SENATE C & RA MEETINGS
SB 517 & SB 518

| Name | Address/Phone | Representing |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Judith A. Callison ✓ | 32741 11 th 586-6865 | St. Ann's Nursing (Diyran) |
| Marian Estelle ✓ | Box 138 Petersburg 772-3334 | Petersburg Day Care Center |
| Tat Marlon ✓ | 9310-9 Gbrier Hwy | Wee Cottage Junear |
| KAREN BARTH ✓ | 5611 Dandi Park | ANCH. CHILD CARE |
| Karen Kostenko ✓ | 9010 Ave St Junear 789-2873 | Wee Cottage Child Development |
| PAT POLAND ✓ | 205 Cordova Bldg B ANCHORAGE 110A | Comm. Res. Affairs |
| Bessie Ransom Mosley ✓ | Pouch 6450 ANC 02 | Anchorage Day Care Assistance |
| Kevin Ritchie ✓ | 5869306 City, Borough 155 So Seward 95601 | CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU |

Pat Monroe for John Pugh ✓ who has a conflict & will be late
NWS 965-3120
Pouch HOS Dept. of Health & Senior Svcs.

- Are we going to be replacing a Ceta program with this? OK
- Can't pay many in money - 75% go to staff
- Nutritional Ceta
- Daily Attendance should be changed to monthly - expenses go on
- How much does it cost the Muncie to administer this program



REPRESENTATIVE SALLY SMITH • 321 CHURCH STREET • FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701 • IN JUNEAU: POUCH V • JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

May 5, 1981

Mim Dixon
Box 81585
College, AK 99708

Dear Mim,

Thank you for your message stating your support for House Bill 43 and Senate Bill 517 concerning day care assistance funding. Your name is [REDACTED]

House Bill 43 is currently in the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee, chaired by Representative Don Clocksin. I see that you have sent a copy of your message to Representative Clocksin, and I'm certain he and other members of the committee will be taking your comments into consideration during deliberations on the bill.

Senate Bill 517 is currently in the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Don Gilman. I am forwarding a copy of your message to Senator Gilman so that your comments can be noted.

I am supportive of funding for day care assistance programs and will support the bills should they come before the House for a vote.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write and state your views. It's good to know that people are responding to issues that are of special importance to them. And it's especially good to hear from you!

Sincerely,

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Sally Smith
Alaska State Representative

cc: Sen. Gilman

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FR: MIM DIXON, BOX 81585, COLLEGE, AK 99708 PH. 479-3459
RE: HB 43 & SB 517

URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF SUBSIDY TO CHILD CARE CENTERS. THE COST OF
CHILD CARE IN ALASKA WILL INCREASE DRAMATICALLY WHEN CETA FUNDS
ARE CUT. MANY WORKING PARENTS, PARTICULARLY SINGLE PARENTS, CANNOT
AFFORD HIGHER COST OF CARE AND DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT 'WELFARE'
APPROACH TO SUBSIDY. QUALITY CHILD CARE IS AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT
AS SUBSIDY FOR HOUSING BUSINESS, ENERGY, ETC.

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May 5, 1981

RE: Senate Bill 517 and 518

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the nurse-director of Kameroff Infant Center. Since the CETA freeze, the number of staff at our center has dropped from 10 to 5. We don't have a cook, so one staff member has to spend at least 5 hours of her day in the kitchen. Since we are open from 7:45 am until 5:30 pm, the staff work different shifts. This means that during opening and closing hours, we are extremely short staffed.

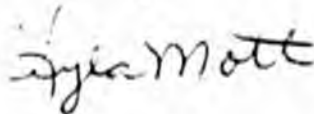
Our staff members are dependable, loyal, and loving teachers. But working under these conditions, "burnout" is inevitable. Not only would I like to hire additional workers, I'd like to keep the ones I have.

Being a day care worker is a hard job. It requires patience, creativity, common sense, understanding, warmth, and a lot of energy. Our people have already gone through a training program with CETA. They are trained day care workers. They should be paid accordingly. But, there isn't enough money. It is so important for children to be able to establish a relationship with the people that they spend more than 8 hours with every day. If our jobs are unattractive because of low pay, it is certain that we will have a rapid turnover rate. We need money to pay our workers what they deserve.

The money from this operational grant would allow us to continue to provide a healthy, safe, loving, and stimulation environment for children in need of day care.

Please support Senate Bills 517 and 518.

Thank you.




Lyla Mott, R.N.
Nurse-Director
Kameroff Infant Center
Bethel, Alaska

Frank and Meredith Domurat
P.H.S. Hospital
Bethel, Alaska 99559

5-4-81

To whom it may concern;
We are writing in support of Senate bills 517 & 518 which support monies for the operation of childcare facilities in the state of Alaska. Childcare facilities are perhaps the most needed and simultaneously the most overlooked services in a community. In order to provide working parents with a viable alternative for childcare, we must support and maintain our local childcare facilities. Working parents should not have to make a choice between work and their children. Childcare centers are essential for a growing and prosperous Alaska.

Sincerely,
Meredith Domurat + 
(Concerned Bethel citizens)

May 5, 1981
Karen Dunn
PHS Hospital
Bethel, AK.
99559

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to express my support for Senate Bills 517 and 518 - Third Care Grant Program. These Bills will make possible adequate staffing of our day cares here in Bethel which are currently suffering due to inadequate funds for staff hiring and maintenance

Thank you,
Karen Dunn

I am writing this letter to ask for your support of SB 517 and SB 518. Our child care facilities are worthless if there are no funds to operate them.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Lynn Huttenlocher
PHS Hospital
Bethel, Ak 99559

5-5-81

As a parent and concerned member
of the Bethel Community I ask you
support of Senate bill 517 and
518 which would provide money for
ADD Care Grant Programs. Providing
adequate child care is so important.
Having the facility is worthless unless
money is available to hire quality
staff. Please support these two
bills - 517 + 518.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sonya Mortenson
PHS Hospital
Bethel, Alaska
99559

Dem. & Com.
C+K A Committee

I am in favor of and in support of Senate Bill no 517 & 518. Our day-care programs here in Bethel are invaluable. Without them there would be a great void. I am the mother of 3 small children, and they wake up each morning looking forward to going to day-care. That, in itself, says it all for me. We must keep our day-care's; at any cost.

Sincerely
Loreen M Foster
Pat Foster

May 01, 1981

Representative Sam Cotton, Chairman
House Finance Committee

Chairman:

I am in favor for Senate Bill 517 and 518 CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM.
I have two children attending the BETHEL CHILD CARE CENTER. Please
do all possible to approve these bills.

Thank you,


Linda Sue Jack

Box 967

Bethel, Alaska 99559

April 30, 1981

Senate Bill #517 & #518:

The Child Care Grant Program is an excellent program . It enables single parent to have the liberty to compete in the local job market. These centers help parents know that their children will be properly cared for in their absense.

In Support of Bills 517 & 518--

A Working Parent,

Margaret A. Lush
Margaret A. Lush

I honestly believe there is a strong and dire need for these bills, Senate Bill 517 and 518 to pass successfully!

I am a mother of a 2 year old and also a day care worker.

The conditions have steadily grown worse since I was first employed almost a year ago. The staff number was at 9 workers, it is now as low as 5 with as many children as before. Needless to say the quality of care ~~is~~ it is possible for us to offer these children is considerably lower, although we try very hard to give them all attention and affection we are frustrated by the limits we must work under. Money from these grants would ease the burden of doing the work of 2-3 workers, giving us more time to do what we were hired for; caring for the children's needs, helping them with their first steps, their first words, teaching them

I urge you, please support ~~these~~
Senate Bills #517 and 518

Thank you
Mike & Jurnk

4-29-81

Senate Bill 517 and 518-

As a parent of a Child Care Center Child, I feel having enough employees to take care of our children is very important. The centers are full and the city is growing rapidly. There are bound to be more and more children, wanting to get into the center. It is a good program for what they have to work with, now is a very bad time to cut back. We pay a lot of money for our children to be taken care of and it takes just so many people to do so. We expect ~~expect~~ expect enough employees for the amount of children.

Thank you

Maria M. Brown
34 478
Detroit

Senate bill 517 and 518

I am a parent of a child that stays at a child care center. I am well aware that the federal government cuts will affect child care centers, especially since a lot of the positions are CETA funded. This situation is of great concern to me as a parent and I feel that the state can well afford to help our child care centers. I am in support of Senate bills 517 and 518, and I hope you will support these bills too.

Thank you,
Debra A. Nicholson

Senate Bill ~~517~~⁵¹⁷ and 518.

I love working with the kids very much. But we need more workers cause there are so many kids here that needs attention, it would be very helpful if when they start hiring more staff. Please help us, we do very hard work but we don't get enough pay.

Thank you

Marie Beaver

POSITION PAPER SB 517 and 518
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE DIVISION

Palmer McCarter
Director
465-4707

Lare'
Child Care Program Manager
264-2201

"An Act relating to day care assistance."

The Department supports the four major concepts of these bills (SB 517-518) that relate to the day care assistance program.

1. raising the day care subsidy scale to include moderate income.
2. administrative relief for local municipalities, or in the absence of a local municipality a local group, who administers the day care assistance program.
3. provision for child care assistance while parent(s) seek work.
4. child care grant program.

The cost of implementing these four concepts is estimated to be \$7,464,600 in FY 1982. This is \$7,464,800 over the Governor's budget request for the coming fiscal year.

Alaska's children are a vital resource to this young and growing state and need the developmental assistance just as fishing, timber, farming, tourism and other resource development has secured assistance. One method of assisting children is by providing quality of child care.

Nationally, over 50 percent of the women who have children under 18 years are in the labor force. Alaska women participate in the labor force at about the national rate. And

this rate is growing. The participation rate of both parents in the labor force, who have children under six years of age, is also growing and is predicted to be 50 percent by 1990.

Studies of young children point to the need of nurturing and trained caregivers, good nutrition and age appropriate equipment and supplies if the child is to grow and meet her/his potential and the expectations of the larger society.

The Department believes SB 517 begins to address this quality of care.

Section 1. Findings and Purposes

The Department supports the concepts and statements in the findings and purpose.

We believe the proposed federal cuts in the child nutrition and CETA programs will have a devastating impact on child care facilities. In a brief survey the Department conducted in the fall of 1980, most of the responding facility operators were using the child nutrition program and a majority of the child care centers were using CETA as a means of augmenting staff.

Alaska and child care providers are faced with the same dilemma as other states and industrial nations. How to provide a nurturing and developmental environment for children at a price parents can afford to pay.

The Department believes the child care grant program will lessen the impact of the federal cuts and begin to address the dilemma of affordable care.

Section 2. AS 44.47.250(a)(1)

The Department supports the inclusion of moderate income families. We project, with this inclusion, that the Day Care Assistance Program will serve a monthly average of 1542 families. The families are projected to have 2317 children who will participate in the program.

However, a limitation on both the projected dollars and people served is the straight line projection we have used based on current parent useage. Our current parents are low income wage earners and are frequently the most volatile in the labor market. That is, they are the last to be hired, work irregular hours, and are the first to be dismissed. These employment characteristics are generally not held to be true of moderate income wage earners. We may find that the new group of families to be served are more stable in the work force and thus the per child cost may be dramatically understated.

Section 3. 44.47.260 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

The Department supports this concept.

As the Day Care Assistance Program has expanded to include more and more families, and with the advent of the enrollment policy, the demand on local administrators' time has also increased.

We are concerned, however, that grants to municipalities for administration not come from program dollars for child care.

Therefore, we suggest that the language be amended to include:

"A separate grant award will be made to the department to pay this portion of the contractor's cost, but in no circumstance is this payment to come from grants appropriated for family child care."

The current day care assistance statute provides in 44.47.250 that outside of municipalities, the Department may contract with day care facilities and in the unorganized borough may contract with an organization to administer the program.

The proposed language in this section appears to prohibit administrative funds to these other entities. The Department would hope that all contractors could participate in receiving payment for a portion of the cost of administering the Day Care Assistance Program.

Section 44.47.270

The Department supports child care assistance to parents while seeking work.

Currently, many parents without the support of an extended family or friends to care for their young children are in a "Catch 22". They do not have funds to pay for the care of their children until they have work, but they cannot seek employment because they have no one to care for the children.

Many other states and the federal Title XX day care provide assistance while parents seek work. The local administrators of the Day Care Assistance Program have also identified a need for parents who are seeking work to have this type of assistance.

Section 44.47.305.

The Department supports the Child Care Grant Program.

The purpose of the grant program is to help licensed day care facilities meet the rapidly rising costs of providing quality child care without imposing an inordinate financial burden on parents using child care facilities. To this end, the program permits the award of grants to licensed day care facilities, adjusted for geographic regions, based on the average daily

enrollment of the facility for the month preceding the application.

Further, the current language states "may not exceed \$100 per child per month" and

(c) "application is made monthly."

The Department supports the concept of subsidizing child care costs by making direct grants of funds to child care facilities. However, the Department would like to see two changes made to the bill and clarifying language.

First, we would recommend that language in the bill requiring monthly grants be deleted or amended so as to allow the Department discretion in determining for what period grants will be made. For example, we see no reason why the grants could not be made on a quarterly basis, thereby significantly reducing the administrative work load.

Second, we recommend that "not to exceed \$100 per child per month" be amended to read "not to exceed \$100 per full time equivalent child per month." It is possible for one licensed slot to be filled by as many as five children in a day. On the other hand, there are child care facilities who provide care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We believe by amending this language both conditions can be met.

(d) We would recommend adding (line 25) "and any applicable municipal licensing requirements."

The Department also contracts with military bases for child care. The Department has no recommendation on whether this group should be included in the grant program.

(e) The Department supports the purposes for which this grant shall be used.

Salaries for child care givers have historically, and are currently, abysmally low. Most frequently they are minimum wage, long hours, and provide few, if any, benefits. This causes massive staff turnover and is disruptive to the child's sense of well being when constantly faced with new caregivers. Concurrently, it is a management nightmare to center operators and adds undue stress to parents when a child care home provider says "\$400 a month, for 12 hour days is not just compensation. I'm quitting."

There are currently about 1254 child care givers in licensed facilities in Alaska. SB 518 provides \$4 million for the total grant program or \$3 million for caregiver salaries. This translates into a yearly increase of \$2,392, a monthly increase of \$199 or an hourly increase of about 90¢. Thus, it would bring the child care home providers wage up to about \$600 per month, and the center staff up to \$836 per month. Again, few if any fringe benefits are provided for these caregivers.

The figures cited above are for current staff in licensed facilities. We believe these figures will not translate into this level of increased staff salaries. Nationally, 90 percent of the home childcare givers are not licensed. We believe this grant program will be an incentive for those homes not currently licensed to do so and will improve care. In addition, even with the poor return on the time and money expended for child caregivers, the demand for child care has caused more centers and homes to open. The Department is also getting more inquiries from rural areas where there are no licensed facilities reflecting changing community needs. Currently, Selawik, Hooper Bay, Aniak, McGrath, Nenana and Talkeetna are asking for assistance to develop childcare programs. Therefore, it appears that the increasing demand, coupled with this program, will in fact provide for less increases for staff salaries as projected above.

The Department works closely with the licensing staff of the Division of Family and Youth, Department of Health and Social Services. We understand that staff is working at capacity. To monitor already licensed facilities and to license new providers may be beyond the current staff capacity.

The remaining \$1 million in the child care grant program will be used for nutrition, equipment or staff training. All three components are essential for the developing child.

Alaska has lagged behind many states in providing training for child care providers. It appears that both programmatic and management training are needed by facility operators and caregivers.

The Department believes these types of training will not only add to the quality of child care but will strengthen the financial ability of providers.

SB 518

Section 2

The Department believes the figure of \$50,000 for administrative costs to contractors may be in error. The Governor's budget for FY '82 for grants to families for child care is \$4,072,400. Ten percent of this figure would be \$407,240. The proposed language in Section 44.47 260 (SB 517) provides that the Department will pay ten percent of the billing figure. For instance, in March the 16 local contractors billed the state for \$262,560 for family child care. If the proposed language were in effect, the Department would have paid administrative costs to the local contractors of \$26,256. At that rate of expenditure, it would take less than two months to use \$50,000.