



April 3, 2023

Mrs. Anna Ramierz
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Department of Health & Social Service
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RE: Southeast Senior Services

Dear Mrs Ramierz,

We, the Petersburg Borough Assembly, write this letter of support for Petersburg Medical Center as it submits a grant proposal to provide in home senior services in Southeast Alaska through the Senior-In-Home Services grant.

Petersburg Medical Center has identified a significant lack of in-home and community based senior support services within the Petersburg Borough and the surrounding communities. A small number of these needs are being met through the Home Health program. These, however, are short term interventions and reach a limited number of people. The goal is to have services that are sustainable and meet the needs of a larger group of seniors.

The staff of Petersburg Medical Center Home Health assume key roles within our senior service network and facilitate twice monthly caregiver support groups, trainings, and supplemental services such as a durable medical equipment lending closet and case management. They have the dignity and well-being of the elders and their caregivers at heart.

Through the Petersburg Medical Center and the Home Health Department, seniors and their family caregivers can get much-needed information, assistance, and support; however, these services can be enhanced. With the support of this grant, Petersburg Medical Center will be able to provide more programming, including an adult day program, in home chore support, and respite opportunities, to name a few. The Petersburg Borough Assembly appreciates Petersburg Medical Center Home Health's efforts to continually seek opportunities to support our seniors living in Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for the Petersburg Medical Center.

Respectfully,

Mark Jensen
Mayor