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Dear Mr. Mayor, Mr. Manager and Members of the Assembly,

Thank you for all that you do for our community. This place we love and call home.

We are very concerned with the proposed federal funding cuts and what will happen to it.

We urge you send the proposed Borough letter being voted upon today. Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan and Representative Begich need to hear our concerns.

The impacts of these funding cuts will be catastrophic to our community.

Cuts to the FAA and NOAA that have already happened will make us less safe on the water and in the air. There will be long term consequences to our fisheries.

We rely on Essential Air Service in every aspect of our lives. It will affect business and tourism, the ability to fly out fish products and medicines, and so much more.

Cuts to Medicaid will devastate our elder care at Long Term Care and the Mountain View Manor. The disabled and vulnerable population will suffer. Our hospital and clinic may not be able to keep their doors open and the 150 employees could also be looking for new jobs?

Our schools that are educating our youth will struggle to keep the lights on; wonderful teachers may be forced to leave. Harm will be done to our children.

The trickle down of all of the proposed cuts will be felt by everyone in this community. The seriousness of what is happening in this country is dire.

As our Assembly Members we hope you will stand up for all us and urge our DC Delegates to stand up for all of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Karen and Mark Severson