



# Alaska State Legislature

## House and Senate Democratic Caucuses

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June 23, 2003

President Gene Therriault  
119 N. Cushman St.  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Speaker Pete Kott  
716 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear President Therriault & Speaker Kott,

On behalf of the House and Senate Democratic caucuses, we call upon you and the Majorities to convene a special session for the purpose of overturning the Governor's veto of funds for the Longevity Bonus.

The Republican caucuses have the opportunity to decide whether to defend their budget, which included the Longevity Bonus, or to simply acquiesce to this breach of trust with Alaska's seniors.

Copies of this letter have been sent to all members of the Majority. We are circulating chit sheets to give each member the opportunity to stand up for the Longevity Bonus. Members are welcome to communicate directly with our offices to indicate their position on this issue.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Johnny Ellis".

Senator Johnny Ellis  
Senate Minority Leader

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

Representative Ethan Berkowitz  
House Minority Leader

cc: All members of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Alaska State Legislature