

DATE, 2024

Senator Bert Stedman
State Capitol Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Support for the new Petersburg Medical Center building in Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Senator Stedman,

I am writing as a constituent and resident of Petersburg, Alaska to ask for your support for the inclusion of the new Petersburg Medical Center (PMC) building in this year's state capital budget. PMC's current building is outdated, inefficient, and past its useful life. We need a **modern, efficient health care facility that will enhance patient privacy, provide greater accessibility, and ensure the availability of critical services that support our residents here at home.** Additionally, the Petersburg Borough Assembly unanimously continued their support of ranking the PMC replacement facility the #1 priority for both state and federal capital projects.

According to the *Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association 2022 Workforce Analysis*, health care has become the most important economic sector in the state, driving growth in other industries. This is particularly true in Petersburg where PMC employment is a significant part of the local economic engine, injecting \$11-\$12 million a year in salaries into the Petersburg economy.

The next phase of the project is estimated at \$37 million. This will build the main building shell and core and allow PMC to order long-lead equipment to keep the project on schedule. This is a critical phase for construction projects in southeast Alaska.

PMC is vital to the health and growth of the Petersburg community. I ask that you please support the new building in this year's capital budget and in all efforts to raise funding for this important community asset.

Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

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