

Dear Representative Young,

We appreciate being able to meet with your staff on our Close-Up trip to Capitol Hill. We feel that your staff was well informed on the issues and answered our questions thoroughly. We made sure to keep him on his toes for you. 😊

Alaska is large and diverse enough to be its own continent. While I love the unity that we enjoy and the similar ~~attitude~~ mindsets of those that have chosen to live their life on the Last Frontier, I feel that we need to recognize the enormous diversity. We are a vast land composed of many small, spread-out communities, each with their own needs and circumstances. I feel that these small villages do not have enough voice in Alaskan government. In short, while it is good that our state officials visit these villages every few years, this simply does not cover it. You need some sort of system wherein local officials ~~are~~ meet with the state officials in order to ensure representation.

I was a little disappointed to find that your senior L.A. was not from Alaska, but I was pleasantly surprised by him. Even though he is not from Alaska he seemed to understand us very well and really appreciate our great state. This was very nice to see.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,
Beth M. Bailey &
John Kim