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Dear Hope Supporters,

First and foremost, thank you. We know that we've reached out more than once recently asking for your time and attention to urgent issues affecting our work—we are very grateful for your support.

We want to share a formal statement from the Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education regarding the recent federal budget proposal that would eliminate funding for programs critical to the disability and aging communities—including those we are directly connected to and work with every day.

The proposed cuts would impact the entire Developmental Disabilities (DD) Network in Alaska, including the Governor's Council (GCDSE), the Disability Law Center of Alaska, and the Center for Human Development at UAA. These programs are foundational to advancing inclusion, access, and community-based services in Alaska, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

We encourage you to take a moment to [read the full statement](#).

This is not about politics. It's about people—our families, neighbors, and the communities we serve. These cuts would represent a step backward for the rights of Alaskans with disabilities and seniors, and threaten the very systems we have worked so hard to build, maintain, and improve.

As a member of Hope, your awareness and voice are essential. If you feel comfortable doing so, we invite you to share the statement with your networks or reach out to Alaska's Congressional Delegation to express your concern.

We are stronger because of your commitment—and together we will continue to stand up for the people and values at the heart of our mission.

With gratitude,

***Michele Girault***

Executive Director

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