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Dear Alaskan Educator:

As a young Alaskan, just graduated from high school in 1975, I was selected to participate in Senator Ted Stevens' Washington D.C. summer intern program. It was a life-changing experience for me. I have continued the tradition to invite a small group of high school students from across Alaska to spend part of their summer working with me and my staff on Capitol Hill. It is important to me that students participating in my high school internship program represent a diversity of regions, ethnicities, and experiences. There is no GPA threshold and no requirement they be interested in political science. I am looking for independent, inquisitive, and mature young Alaskans who want to make the most of this unique experience. Therefore, I ask that you share this opportunity with your graduating seniors.

This internship offers a unique opportunity for graduating Alaska high school seniors to learn about the United States Senate, gain valuable experience in a professional office, and live in one of America's most historic cities. Interns spend approximately four weeks working in my Washington, D.C. office, during which they will have an opportunity to shadow me for an entire day, attend briefings and committee hearings, perform special projects for my staff, and explore the Nation's Capital in their free time. The interns are supervised by a college level intern coordinator who provides peer support, arranges activities, and handles the logistical aspects of the program, along with my office staff.

While in Washington, D.C., the interns will reside at the Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH) dormitories located on Capitol Hill two blocks away from the Senate Office Buildings. These dormitories have a full kitchen and are sufficiently furnished. This particular housing arrangement provides interns an opportunity to live with roommates and learn from each other how to live independently.

Interns are responsible for the cost of housing and transportation to and from Washington, D.C. However, interns will be paid a small stipend (subject to all applicable taxes) intended to help defray costs associated with the program.

Due to challenges with COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, the number of participants has been reduced to six (6) interns per session. The health and safety of these young Alaskans is of our highest priority.

You will find applications and additional information for my 2022 High School Intern Program available at <u>www.murkowski.senate.gov/assistance/students/internships</u>. I hope you will make this opportunity available to all eligible students. The deadline for the receipt of all applications is **11:59 p.m.** Alaska Standard Time on Sunday, March 13, 2022. It is preferred that applications be sent via e-mail to <u>Angelina_Burney@murkowski.senate.gov</u> who serves as my Intern Director. While applications may be sent via U.S. Mail, FedEx, or UPS, the Senate's mail screening procedures are

likely to significantly delay their delivery, which may cause an application to arrive after the deadline. No late applications will be considered.

Thank you very much for your assistance in presenting this unique opportunity to the next generation of Alaskan leaders. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my intern Director, Angelina Estrada-Burney, in my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-9302.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Murkowski United States Senator