

# Give us more CETA jobs

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to Gov. Jay Hammond:

I am writing this letter to you in regards to my people here in Angoon.

Since the CETA program was cut off, we have had very few jobs here in Angoon so most of our people have had to rely on general assistance through the BIA and the Food Stamp Program.

When we had the CETA program, it helped a lot of people, knowing that they are working for their money instead of just getting it from their welfare program. Just when our people were able to lift up their heads and be proud because they were working for a living, the CETA program was pulled out from under us. I know that some

good came out of this program, we were able to train people, such as medical secretary, who worked in our clinic and were trained by the Mt. Edgecume sanitarium, our police officers who were trained by the State Troopers, our homemakers health aides who were trained by the State Health Department. I could go on and on about this. We had 27 families that were affected by this program being dropped.

Now, we hear that we will no longer be getting help from general assistance for our people here and all over Alaska for that matter.

What are our people to do in matters like this? Some of the men folks have been trolling this summer and made a few dollars from this but the Fish and Game has it so

you really can not make too much. Just when your fishing is good, they close it for 10 days or so. Even if you do make anything how could you make it last all winter with the high cost of living?

Our children will no longer be able to fish because they did not fish in such and such a year. What kind of rules are these for our people here in Alaska? Is it so the foreign boats that come so close to our Alaskan shores can get more fish?

Who makes these rules? Certainly not our people. We have lived here in Alaska all our lives and yet we have no say so about these things.

I am really concerned about our people here in the community of Angoon. This is the

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reason why I am writing you this letter.

Our State of Alaska is supposed to become a rich state in the near future if not already. Why not let us have more funding for CETA jobs under the state so that we won't have to always be asking for welfare help?

I know that this can be done if you and the Legislature put your minds to it (When they are not fighting among themselves, that is).

It seems the only time we get to see any Senators or high people in high offices is when they want us to vote from them after that they forget about us (Not all of them

are like that though).

Another thing that has been on my mind since I am writing this letter is about the capital. Why do people want to spend all that money to move the capital? It's already been moved once. What do we tell our children when they ask us about our capital of Alaska? Where is the capital of Alaska, Mom? Answer: Let's see. It was Sitka, then it was moved to Juneau and pretty soon it will be Willow — after that, who knows?

Once again, Governor Hammond, will you be able to help our people. I certainly hope so.

Sincerely,  
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