

Bethel, Alaska  
Dec. 8, 1966

Mr. Theodore Pease  
President  
Alaska Legal Service Program  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pease:

I have given careful thought and consideration to our last legal service meeting and I have come to the conclusion that I have no alternative but to join my colleagues in submitting my resignation as a member of the executive board representing the poor.

As you noted at our meeting, there was a definite break on the votes cast—regretfully—attorneys on the board vs. representatives of the poor, and vice-versa. There seemed to be a noticeable lack of communication consideration and lack of interest in compromise. I feel under the existing conditions that I cannot continue as a representative of my people in this area—an area considered the least educated, most underprivileged, with the poorest living conditions and absolutely no legal services of any kind for the poor.

The whole concept and planning of legal services for the poor is a worthy cause, and one a great many of us have tried to work toward attaining for our people. I cannot believe, and refuse to believe, that there is anyone who would be opposed to a program that would benefit the poor in this State of ours.

Thank you, Ted, for the consideration you have extended toward me, and through me the people I represented. I sincerely hope the legal service program for the poor is resolved in some manner, and as intended, benefit the poor.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Nora Guinn  
Bethel, Alaska