

Liquor Situation Disturbs Villagers

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Iliamna, Alaska 99696

Governor Walter J. Hickel
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a copy of two papers which I had the people sign. The petition asking that the Iliamna Liquor Store (and bar) be closed was taken by me to three villages for signing. Why has it been almost a year now, and we have not had anyone come to our village to talk with us or help us?

My people never wanted a bar here anyway, nor any liquor store either. We were told that they would only sell to sportsmen, not natives, or we would never have signed to have a liquor store here. It causes too much trouble all the time, and too much money goes for whiskey instead of food for the children.

We have been waiting for one year now for you to do something for us. Are you going to help us? Why didn't you at least answer us? Don't you care what happens to native people? We are having too much trouble in our village, and other villages too. We have no policeman here to help either. There have been many fights, and some almost killed. If you don't help, someone will be killed yet.

Thank you,
Sava Anelon
President Newhalen Village Council
Iliamna, Alaska 99606

c/c Cook Inlet Native Assoc.
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