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Dear Sir:

One of Alaska's most serious problems, as I am sure you well know, is unemployment. A significant number of the unemployed are veterans who have completed their military service and have returned to Alaska.

I strongly feel that as citizens of both Alaska and the United States, we have a special obligation to these men who have served their country so well. With unemployment at an all-time high, it is obvious that it will be a difficult obligation to fulfill, but it is my opinion

that we should continue our efforts to aid veterans in finding suitable employment.

Because unemployment is far higher in Alaska than the Nation as a vihole, the degree of difficulty in this task seems insurmountable, if not impossible. But in Alaska the word impossible just isn't known as "The Alaskan Way."

It is for this reason that I am writing you and other community leaders throughout Alaska with the hope that you will aid these men by providing them with the opportunity they need to contribute to our Nation at home, in the same proud manner they did abroad.

Sincerely, NICK BEGICH