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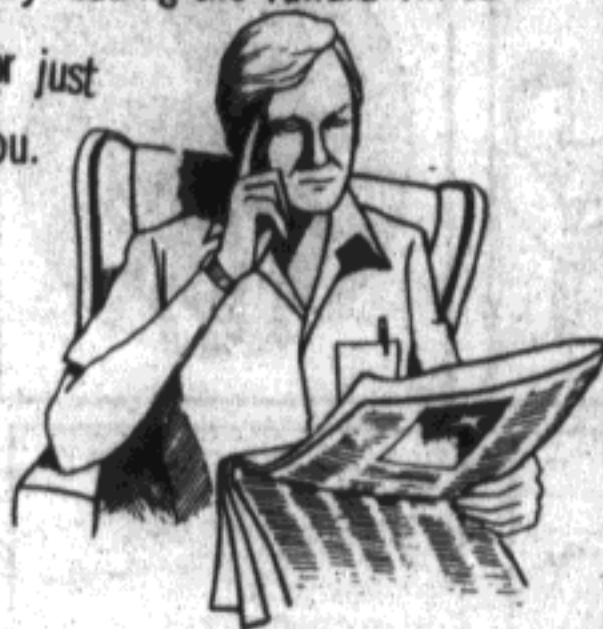
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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is responsible for administering and enforcing the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. On the occasion of the law's 15th anniversary, the department rededicates itself to the principles of freedom of choice and participates in efforts to eliminate vestiges of housing discrimination wherever they exist. This occasion is supported statewide by Governor Bill Sheffield, whose proclamation states in part:

"... fair housing is the policy of Alaska. Implementation of that policy requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each and every one of our citizens... I... urge the people of Alaska to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all..."

Similarly, Municipality of Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles' proclamation states in part:

"... all Americans have the right to live where they choose, when they choose, for as long as they can afford to do so... each of us should promote and safeguard that right for all others... fair housing is the policy of the Municipality of Anchorage..."

The department's Anchorage area office extends its sincere appreciation to the Governor of the State of Alaska and the Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage for their support and endorsement to the principles of fair housing in our state and community. We extend to you, the public, our services to assure such principles are a reality in Alaska. If you have reason to believe you are being subjected to housing discrimination, please contact Ms. Marlene Boberick of my staff at 271-4681.

Sincerely,

JOHN G. DUFFY
AREA MANAGER