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Elke Doom
City Manager, City of Valdez
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Dear Ms. Doom,

On behalf of the Providence Valdez Health Advisory Council, Providence Valdez Medical Center and Providence Health and Services – Alaska, we are proud to partner with programs that directly impact the health and wellness of Valdez. Recruiting and retaining qualified healthcare providers is a challenge for all rural communities. The State of Alaska is set to begin a new education debt assistance program for qualified providers that will make recruitment and retention of physicians a little easier. SHARP III as it is currently billed will leverage public/private partnerships to fill the void in communities that presently are unable to offer education debt assistance. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$50,000.00. When the SHARP III program becomes operational (sometime during second quarter/third quarter of 2017), we hope that this gift would be applied on behalf of the community, to the benefit of physicians serving in Valdez.

The Providence strategic vision of **“creating healthier communities, together,”** begins with having trained and qualified caregivers. Our competitiveness as a community in the area of recruiting and retaining physicians depends on being able to offer what many communities throughout Alaska are already able to offer. We are grateful for the vital partnership and support from the City of Valdez and are grateful to be able to provide this investment in the future of our community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. O'Neil".

Jeremy O'Neil
Administrator