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## Catherine A. "Cathy" Giessel, Republican



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Fairbanks, Alaska

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Richard Giessel

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** Peter (Taryl), Elisabeth, David  
three Alaska grandchildren

**OCCUPATION:** Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** lifetime

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

born/raised in Fairbanks  
Anchorage since 1974

**EDUCATION:**

Lathrop High School, Fairbanks  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Bachelors of Science  
in Nursing  
University of Alaska Anchorage, Masters of Science in Nursing

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Volunteer (appointed)  
Alaska Board of Nursing, 2003-10, 5 years as chair  
Alaska Healthcare Strategy Planning Council, 2009

Transition Advisory Team, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 2002, 2006  
Transition Advisory Team, Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services, 2009  
Governor's Legacy Plan, Healthcare Working Group, chair, 2009  
Municipality of Anchorage, Health and Human Services Commission, 2002-08  
Alaska Republican Party (volunteer)  
Several positions

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

National Council of State Boards of Nursing, board of directors  
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Alaska representative  
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**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Chambers of Commerce-Soldotna, Kenai, Cooper Landing,  
Seward, Anchorage  
Pioneers of Alaska  
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**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Grandchildren, cross country skiing, hiking, shooting, textile crafts

**STATEMENT:**

My priorities, the last two years in the Senate, have been:  
\*Economic Strength through Resource Development.  
\*Employed Alaskans in Productive Jobs.  
\*Energy Development and Delivery for Alaska and Beyond.

I continue studying the issues, listening to all perspectives, participating in community meetings and legislative hearings...in order to contribute informed discussion and Senate votes. Besides resource development, I devoted my time to a wide range of topics, from fishing to taxes, mining to tourism, petroleum to public health. I have worked with both House and Senate colleagues, across party lines, for the benefit my district and fellow Alaskans.

Alaskans need the opportunity for employment in good paying jobs. Private sector jobs, not government bureaucracy, provide the path to a strong Alaska economy. We must reduce regulatory duplication and barriers for business, which prevents innovation, growth, and competition. I will continue working to promote productive Alaskan jobs.

Dependable sources of energy, produced at the lowest possible cost to consumers, are key for all of us. I am excited that we are proceeding with a large hydroelectric dam. I support removing the barriers to an in-state natural gas pipeline providing that resource for Alaskans and exporting around the world.

There's more work to be done to ensure Economic Strength, Employed Alaskans, and Energy Development. My work on these issues earned an A+ score on the 2012 Alaska Business Report Card. I respectfully ask for your vote, so I can continue working for a more prosperous Alaska for this and future generations.

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