

United States Representative

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AGE: 59

PLACE OF BIRTH: Silver City, NM

NAME OF SPOUSE: Dennis P Dussman, DMD

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Keenan Dussman,
Massage Therapist

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 57 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage & Flathorn Lake—1955 -1971, 1974-1976
(Nursing School), 1980-1981
Fairbanks – 1971-1973, 1983 -present
Sitka – 1973-1976 (commercial fishing)
Pelican – 1975 (commercial fishing)
Palmer – 1976 (briefly)
Nome – 1976-1978
Barrow 1981-1983

EDUCATION:

East Anch. HS – 1971,
ACC School of Nursing ADN 1976 Magna Cum Laude
UAF, BS in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, 1989.
Exeter University, England, MA in Western Esotericism
with Merit 2008.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Owner, Cup of Gold Espresso Specialty Coffee Drive-Thru
Owner, Chesnut Rentals
Accts Manager, Dennis P Dussman, DMD since 1984

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Women's Pioneer Igloo #8
Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
The Four Winds Foundation, Founder
National Rifle Association
UAF Alumni Association

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Reading, writing, Painting, hiking, traveling

OTHER:

As an RN I have traveled all over Alaska for many years delivering Health Care to remote Villages such as, Selawik, Noatak, Fort Yukon, Dot Lake, and Northway to name a few.

STATEMENT:

I grew up on a homestead and understand the difficulties of living in remote Alaska. My father flew to work to Anchorage every day because, despite his best efforts, we couldn't live without a source of income. We needed fuel for the airplane, outboard motors, chainsaws, lanterns and more.

All Alaskans no matter where they live:

§ need a job

§ need accessible and affordable energy.

I have lived and worked around Alaska delivering health care to remote communities. The logistics of providing services to rural Alaska can be daunting but:

- All Alaskans everywhere deserve the services due them such as health care, veteran services, suicide prevention and elderly benefits to name a few.

Since 1955 I have watched Alaska go through many changes though much remains the same; such as our native people, the military who come and go but have been with us since modern times, our seasonal and long-time residents, even our tourists who renew themselves here every summer. Despite the changes our issues have not changed; our reliance on fish and game to eat or to make a living from, development of our natural resources to benefit all, energy for warmth and commerce, education, health care, a strong military and reliable transportation to name a few. Our pressing needs are lower energy costs, adequate health care, maintaining a strong economy and sustainable development of our natural resources.

- All Alaskans deserve the best representation possible on the national level and I'm the one to do that.

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