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Place of Birth:

Fairbanks, Alaska

Spouse’s Name:

Richard Giessel

Children’s Name:

Peter (wife Taryl), Elisabeth, David
4 Alaska grandchildren

Occupation:

Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner

Length of Residency in Alaska:

Lifetime

Alaskan communities lived in:

Born/raised 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:

- Senate Resources committee, Chair
- Alaska Arctic Policy Commission
- Energy Producing States Coalition, Chair
- Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- More on website

Business and Professional Positions:

- Alaska Board of Nursing, 2003-10, 5 years as chair
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing, board of directors
- Alaska representative, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- More on website

Service Organizations Membership:

- Brother Francis Shelter clinic, healthcare volunteer
- Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
- Pioneers of Alaska

Special Interests:

Grandchildren, cross country skiing, firearms, textile crafts

Statement:

For the last 4 years, I effectively moved your priorities:

- Educated, Employed Alaskans
- Economic Strength through Resource Development
- Energy Development for Alaska and Beyond

I supported education, K-12 and trades or college, especially Career and Technical Education beginning at middle school level.

One of my bills lowered corporate income tax for small/medium businesses. Alaskans seek employment opportunities in good paying jobs. Private sector jobs provide the path to a strong Alaska economy.

As chair of Senate Resources, I led on a wide range of resource topics - fishing, oil taxes, large in-state gas pipeline, mining and tourism. Diverse Alaskans' input was fairly heard in my committee.

I voted to move forward an in-state natural gas pipeline project, providing gas for Alaskans, and revenue from exporting LNG around the world. Dependable sources of energy, produced at the lowest possible cost to Alaskans, are key for all of us.

My legislation establishing access to affordable vaccinations statewide helps reduce the cost of healthcare.

I fought back against special interest groups who oppose development of our resources, economy, energy and affordable healthcare.

My Senate work qualified for an A+ score on both the 2012 and 2014 Alaska Business Report Card. I worked with House and Senate colleagues, across party lines, for the benefit of you and fellow Alaskans.

There's more work to be done to ensure Economic Strength, Educated & Employed Alaskans, and Energy Development. I respectfully ask for your vote, to continue working for you, our kids and grandkids.



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