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Place of Birth:

Fairbanks, Alaska

Spouse’s Name:

Richard

Children’s Names:

Peter (wife-Taryl), Elisabeth, David
5 Alaska grandchildren

Occupation:

Registered Nurse, Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Length of Residency in Alaska:

Lifetime

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Born/raised in Fairbanks
Anchorage since 1974
District N since 1980

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
- 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
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Alaska representative
- More on website

Service Organization(s) Membership:

- Brother Francis Shelter clinic, healthcare volunteer
- Christian Health Associates, Begich Middle School clinic volunteer
- Pioneers of Alaska

Special Interests:

Grandchildren, cross country skiing, textile crafts

Statement:

I have prioritized and effectively worked toward:

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

I continue to support balanced, funded budgets that pay for core services Alaskans need. This is urgent!

As chair of Senate Resources, I led on critical resource topics – fishing/hunting access, oil taxes, natural gas development, mining and tourism.

Federal agencies continue to restrict our access to our lands. Those who oppose Alaskans' access to our resources, and the good-paying jobs associated with them, don't understand the Alaskan spirit and way of life.

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

I dug into reforming Medicaid, revising government funding and continuing to find ways to solve our healthcare and insurance cost crisis.

I worked with House and Senate colleagues, across party lines, for the benefit of you and our fellow Alaskans. I authored laws (passed unanimously) that ensure fairness in cancer treatment, open up income opportunities for people experiencing disabilities, and require state agencies to become self-funding.

Dependable sources of energy are the key to our future, a diversified economy and more jobs. I worked with Southcentral cities and boroughs to reopen the Agrium fertilizer plant that will provide hundreds of year-round jobs for working families, and will lower the cost of energy for folks in Anchorage.

There's more urgent budget work to be done. I respectfully ask for your vote, to continue working for you, our kids and grandkids.



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