

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the Alaska Legislature

**FROM:** AARP Alaska

**DATE:** May 14, 2003

**SUBJECT:** "Telephone wars" & why the Regulatory Commission of Alaska is vital to residential consumers

AARP believes that all Alaskans must be able to rely on the availability of safe, affordable, and high quality energy and telecommunications services.

Right now, some telephone companies are battling in Juneau, trying to get the Legislature to add amendments that will be favorable to their company.

AARP believes all these issues belong before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) – not the Legislature.

As the RCA is the only state agency with the authority to protect residential consumers, let the RCA decide what is best for Alaskan telephone consumers. The Legislature should not engage in "telephone wars."

**Our message to legislators:** Reauthorize the Regulatory Commission of Alaska –through a clean bill – with no amendments favoring any specific telephone company.

We need the RCA -- **all** consumers do.



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