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Dear Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] and my family would like to make your home at [REDACTED] Court our home here in Alaska. I believe our realtors spoke and they suggested that we give you a little background on who we are and why we are interested in your home.

My wife, [REDACTED], first noticed your house online roughly three weeks ago and immediately fell in love with it for the reasons that I will outline below. After looking at others, we can safely say that this initial impression of the care and offerings of your home remain the benchmark for which we have compared the other offerings and why we are making the offer that we have. By way of background, we have five children who are all pictured here in this picture from last Christmas. Our children are getting into their adult years and we have an expected wedding in 18 months. We still have two 'at home' in between high school and college.



But maybe we should start a bit at the beginning. The [REDACTED] family lived in Cooper Landing from 1963 to 1966. My Dad was the first pastor of the Kenai Lake Baptist Church. Dad still has friends there and was overjoyed to visit there this past fall and he maintains a relationship with the current pastor. Mom passed away this July so it was nice to get Dad here with his fond memories of before it was the fishing mecca that it is today.



HELEN RAY  
RUSS KAREN RUTH  
1ST CHURCH - KENAI LAKE BAPTIST CH.  
COOPER LANDING, ALASKA  
AUG. 1963 - AUG. 1966

After leaving Cooper Landing, Dad felt called to the Army and went to Vietnam as a Chaplain. Our family later returned to Alaska in 1972 to 1977 where we lived in Glennallen. My first memories are of Glennallen. Here is my grandfather and me painting the house. More on this later.



My brother [REDACTED] retired from the Alaska State Fish and Game and I visited him often before he moved to Boise with his family.

To accelerate the story, and our interest, there is a good deal of detail that I will leave out, but after working in the high tech business for roughly 25 years, I decided to step away last spring partly due to my mother's health, but also because both [REDACTED] and I felt that there was something different to do.....not knowing at the time what that was. After consulting with a few start-up companies and helping Dad through some of the details, an interesting twist of 'something' occurred and my former boss, who is a CIRI shareholder, forwarded me a job posting that was very well aligned with my skills.

Without laboring all the details, [REDACTED] and I visited the company and we concluded that both the company and the community around Anchorage were where we are intended to be. It would be hard to type all the details for this, but we are committed to Anchorage and I drove the AICan with my truck, trailer, and tools a few weeks back and started my new role here in town. [REDACTED] and the family will follow in the spring as we tidy up the details of leaving Oregon.

I reference the painting above, and my tools, because one of the things that I can assure you is that we'll be taking very good care of the home. I've learned that I leave the inside to [REDACTED] and she leaves (most) of the outside decisions to me. We've remodeled three homes as we've lived in them and I'm a bit embarrassed to say that we're pretty sensitive about the care of our home. An example of my work is this fireplace and sitting area that I built outside our last home. I don't have good before and after pictures of the whole house, but the projects have been fun here and there. This isn't the best picture because it shows the 'work in progress'....but it happens to be where we took the Christmas picture above a year ago Christmas. (Also, this house was only 2,200 sq ft so we're looking forward to a little more space!!!)



Well, as I reflect on this, I hope I haven't given you the wrong sort of information that the realtors discussed. I can guarantee you a few things should you accept our offer. There will be many large family gatherings as both my sisters have committed to visit and the kids are already wanting a white Christmas with everyone here. There are not many 'improvements' required since you took quite good care of the property, but the small things we do will be done with care and taste and should you visit I believe you'd know the house was in good hands. The safety of the neighborhood, what we believe should be terrific neighbors, and layout of the 'home' floor with the master with the ability for our kids and visitors to have their own space we believe will fit well for our hopes and dreams as the family grows and our Anchorage community grows.

We appreciate your consideration and time, respectfully, [REDACTED]