Dear Senator Seaton,

Thank you for all your hard work. My wife and I are senior citizens of Alaska and soon we will be on a fixed income. My wife is currently under Medicare coverage and because of the lack of doctors taking Medicare in the state we have grave concerns about adding 50,000 people to Medicaid. Not only will this affect seniors it will affect all retired veterans and families in TriCare. Both of these programs receive less per doctor visit than Medicaid. What bothers us the most is many of the people being added have not paid into anything but are going to receive great benefits.

Where will the money come from to fund the expansion? Where will the additional doctors come from? If you are listening to the lobbyists, special interest and DHSS and considering this expansion I encourage you to listen to the people and consider your fiscal responsibility.

We made promises to seniors and our retired military. They should be our first concern not additional Medicaid participants.

Regards,
Randy Eledge