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The Honorable Dennis Egan  
Alaska State Senate  
Chairman, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee  
Capital Room 510  
Juneau, AK 99891

Dear Senator Egan,

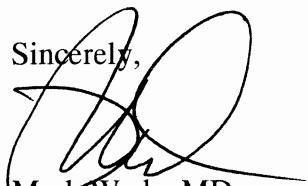
I am writing to express my support for passage of SB 116.

In my orthopedic medical practice, I see approximately 400 patients per month. Of this total, approximately 5-10 % are injured workers who are covered by workers' compensation insurance.

Too often in the current system, injured patients must cancel appointments on the eve of surgery because insurers obtain last-minute medical opinions to support controverting the treatment. I support SB 116 because I believe it will help bring certainty in the process of scheduling treatment and surgery for injured workers.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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