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Mark Neuman  
Chairman, Health & Social Services: Finance Subcommittee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Representative, District 10  
State Capitol Room 513  
Juneau AK, 99801

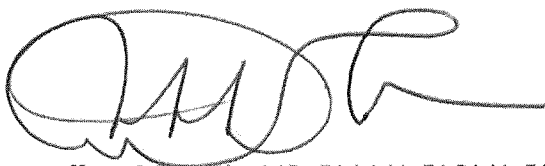
Re: Senate Bill 169

Dear Mr. Neuman,

I am writing in support of SB-169, which would establish a statewide immunization program, and a State Vaccine Assessment Council within the Department of Health and Social Services. This Act will provide less expensive, broader access to immunizations for all Alaskans, and will lead to a significant reduction in influenza and other infections and reduce morbidity and mortality among our population. It would reduce the cost not only of vaccines, but also the costs associated with handling, recording and administering them. Vaccines remain the single most important advancement in health care.

I urge you to support immunization coverage to both adults and children, by passing SB169.

Sincerely,



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