



April 5, 2014

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Chairman, Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Room 510
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: House Bill 141 – Workers' Compensation Medical Fees

Dear Senator Dunleavy and Committee members,

Icicle Seafoods, Inc. is a shore-based seafood processing company with operations stretching from Southeast Alaska to Norton Sound. As a major employer in Alaska we are well aware of the high costs associated with workers compensation claims. We are in support of HB 141.

House Bill 141 provides solutions to two problems with the current system. Passage of the bill will require out of state medical providers that treat Alaska workers' compensation claims to bill for services rendered based on the rates of their local jurisdiction rather than at Alaska's higher rate. In addition, the legislation will require services to be billed within 180 days after the services are rendered. Both of these provisions will provide improvements to the current system by making it more predictable and efficient.

We support passage of HB 141 because it reduces workers compensation costs for Alaskan businesses without reducing the coverage or limiting the treatment for employees. We urge your support of this legislation and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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