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To: Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Pulse oximetry screening legislation

Dear Senator Micciche,

I was surprised but heartened at the announcement of your legislation aimed at improving the detection of critical congenital heart disease in Alaska newborns. I have a very strong passion for this endeavor and would be happy to offer any assistance to you or your staff to educate and enlighten your fellow legislators about this important project. Recently we were involved with a baby who failed screening in the Fairbanks area who was discovered to have critical congenital heart disease. He subsequently had life-saving surgery and is doing very well.

Thank you for this important effort. Please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,
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