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My name is Bruce Van Dusen. I live in Juneau, Alaska. I am the Executive Director of Polaris House, downtown Juneau. Polaris House is dedicated to assisting adults in recovery from mental illness. Unfortunately, many of the persons we serve are living with alcoholism, as well as mental illness.

I see first hand evidence the destruction of alcoholism on a daily basis. I see a number of Juneau residents who have been banned from almost every service provider and business in Juneau. I see many of them aimlessly wandering our streets at all hours and in all weather.

We must do everything in our power to prevent this, and provide education and support to stem the tide our unacceptable rate of alcoholism in our communities.

I am in favor of this alcohol tax. I hope that you will support the passage of this bill.

Thank you,

Bruce Van Dusen