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As a representative of Fairbanks Native Association we would like provide our support towards House Bill 248. Our support towards this bill reiterates our commitment to insuring that substance use and mental health treatment and prevention continue to be provided for all Alaska residents. The increase in revenue towards this goal would enable us to continue to serve as well as increase our capacity towards providing services for those that are asking for treatment. As a organization that serves both youth and adults through treatment services we see the need for treatment. On any given day we receive between four to tve3nty-four calls a day from individuals asking for a detox treatment bed for not only alcohol but opiate withdrawal. Our wait list for residential treatment beds exceeds 100 Alaska residents from all over the State asking for help. We ask for your support in moving forward HB 248 and its implementation so that the need of treatment is provided to those that ask.

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