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Re: Support for SB113

Dear members of the Alaska legislature,

The Tenth Amendment Center fully supports passage of SB113 enacting a “Right to Try” law in the state of Alaska.

Sometimes the wheels of bureaucracy move slowly. For most of us, this merely presents an inconvenience, but for a patient suffering from a life-threatening illness, a few months could mean the difference between life and death.

The FDA approval process is meant to protect the public and ensure only safe and effective treatments find their way into the marketplace. But sometimes the nature of the process means delays in getting medicines into the hands of those who desperately need them. “Right to Try” laws create a bridge spanning a gap between federal regulations and the needs of terminally ill patients.

This type of legislation illustrates the beauty of federalism. People have recognized a glaring need and met it through legitimate state action.

So far, 24 states have enacted “Right to Try,” with 16 more including Alaska, considering the legislation this year.

We strongly urge you to vote yes on SB113.

Sincerely,

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