

From: Griswold Mary [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 11:50 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Re: Alert - Medicaid Expansion Public Testimony Saturday

I whole heartedly support HB 148 Medicaid Expansion. It is the right thing to do for a sector of our residents who cannot afford health care insurance. It will lower charity billings at hospitals which will save the rest of us money. It will bring federal dollars to Alaska which will otherwise go to the states that do embrace this humanitarian and economically sensible action.

Mary Griswold
Homer

From: Sonia Larssen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 10:50 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Close the health insurance gap

Dear Representative Seaton,

Please help close the health insurance gap in Alaska.

I support Medicaid expansion - which will provide more Alaskans health care for less state money by maximizing use of available federal dollars. When people have insurance they are able to access primary care, resulting in less expensive emergency room visits. People are also better able to manage chronic diseases, resulting in better health at a lower cost.

Access to health care enables people to stay healthy and join or stay in the workforce. Individual Alaskans who earn \$20,314 (about \$9.76 an hour) a year or less, or married couples earning a combined \$27,490 a year or less qualify for Medicaid expansion. Medicaid gives them the freedom to work for a living without worrying about whether an unpreventable accident or illness will make them bankrupt.

I encourage you to support the governor's proposal to implement Medicaid expansion with smart reforms. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Seaton

Would very much appreciate your vote and your efforts on the passing of medicaid expansion this legislative season. The needy people of Alaska would be greatly helped

Sincerely,

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