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I am concerned with section 22 and 23 of this bill. Expanding Medicaid access to for-profit organizations needs further review and discussion amongst the Division of Behavioral Health and non-profit behavioral health service providers. We have provided services to the Anchorage community for 42 years and are very thankful for the increased access to health care for our vulnerable population. Do we really want our tax dollars being sent to lower 48 corporations as they make money off of Medicaid and our vulnerable population? Will the same rules apply to for-profit organizations and state grantees? Treatment is important, and I do not want to see methadone clinics open and just dose patients and not provide treatment. We continue to take all patients that want treatment and medication assisted care. As I stated earlier, this needs further discussion to determine the direction that best serves the people of Alaska in the long and short term. Fiscally, are we able to sustain additional Medicaid tax dollars being paid to for-profits as they open up and provide services? We will be responsible to pay some of these Medicaid dollars in the future and I believe we have enough non-profit providers to address the behavioral health issues that Alaska is facing.

I appreciate your time. We are invested in this community!

Thank You,

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