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TO: Alaska Legislature

RE: Testimony requesting amendment to HB345 / SB156

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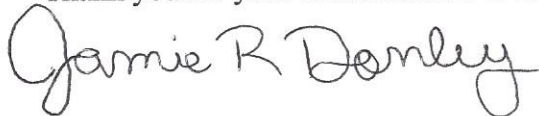
Dear Legislators:

I am one of thousands of Alaskans that have had my thyroid removed and am 100 percent dependent on thyroid replacement medication to stay alive. Typically, people like myself see their doctor once a year to be tested and if necessary have their medication modified. But the State of Alaska health insurance will only provide thyroid medicine for 90 days. I request that HB 345 be amended to include thyroid supplement medicine to prescriptions that can be filled with one year of medicine.

If anything disrupted the availability of thyroid replacement medicine here in Alaska I would die. This makes the availability of thyroid medicine at least as important as birth control medicine.

The current bill should also be amended to specifically cover current State employees, State retirees, and their dependents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



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