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Dear Alaska Legislator,

I am writing you to urge your support for Senate Bill 180 and House Bill 201 – Parent Guardian/Child temporary Power of Attorney. Alaska Children's Trust (ACT) is the lead statewide organization focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The child welfare system cannot prevent child abuse and neglect. The community has a collective responsibility to ensure that the safety and needs of children and families are met by an array of supports to safely reduce reliance on the child welfare system with an emphasis on prevention, culturally relevant services and customs and evidence-based safety practices. Safe Families for Children Alaska program is an excellent example of how communities are stepping forward to ensure children live in safe, stable and nurturing environments. SFFCA is an innovative program that is effective. We need our policies to reflect and support the efforts like SFFCA.

ACT strongly urges you to support SB180 & HB201. These changes would strengthen Alaska's engagement with communities and our shift to greater emphasis on early intervention. These bills are a positive step towards keeping our children safe and our families together..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Storrs", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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