

Dear Senator Stedman,

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I'm writing today in support of Medicaid Expansion in Alaska. I'm 28 years old and am in the private workforce but I have quite a few friends who would be eligible for and benefit from the proposed expansion. This expansion would potentially help insure 40,000 Alaskans. Just in 2013, Alaska's hospitals had more than \$92 million in uncompensated care costs. That incredible burden gets passed on to all of us through higher health insurance rates. In states that have implemented the expansion a 20-30% decrease in uncompensated care has been seen. That's a significant amount that would greatly benefit the state particularly in its current financial climate.

As you probably already know, from 2016-2021, an investment of \$61 million by Alaska will be matched with \$1.2 billion in federal funding (95%) for Medicaid expansion.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I urge your support for HB 148.

Sincerely,

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