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January 29, 2018

Senator Mia Costello  
Senate Labor & Commerce Committee Chair  
State Capitol, Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 112

Dear Senator Costello:

The Workers' Compensation Committee of Alaska (WCCA) is an employer group dedicated to helping educate and advocate for Alaska businesses on issues regarding workers' compensation. We are writing in support of Senator Giessel's workers' compensation reform legislation, Senate Bill 112.

Employers in Alaska are in dire need of workers' compensation reform that will rein in claims costs and reduce workers' compensation insurance premiums. Every Alaskan employer, including the State of Alaska, is impacted negatively by high workers' compensation costs and reforms passed by the Legislature will result in cost savings in both the private and public sector.

Senate Bill 112 will not just benefit the employer, but the injured worker as well. The quality of care for the injured worker would be improved through the use of objective medical treatment guidelines and costs would be reduced through the implementation of more effective practices and the elimination of wasteful and meaningless processes and requirements.

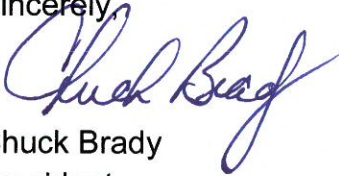
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We appreciate the efforts of Senator Cathy Giessel in taking ownership of this issue for the benefit of all Alaskan employees and employers. The WCCA believes that comprehensive workers' compensation reform is what Alaska employers need...desperately! We believe that only through comprehensive workers' compensation reform can we improve the delivery of benefits to injured workers and make the sytem more cost-effective for employers. We ask for your support in passing Senate Bill 112 out of the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to help move this bill along the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Brady". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chuck" being more prominent than the last name "Brady".

Chuck Brady  
President

cc: Senator Cathy Giessel

Alaska Chamber of Commerce