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Senator Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Senate

Dear Sen. Giessel:

I am writing in support of the reauthorization of Alaska's Vaccine Assessment Program under Senate Bill 37.

The All Alaska Pediatric Partnership (AAPP) was an instrumental partner in the creation of VacTrAK, the Alaska Immunization Information Center. Until recently, AAPP also hosted Alaska's immunization Outreach Coalition and actively engaged communities and Public Health clinics throughout the state in promotion of on-time immunizations through events and education. We continue to partner with Alaska's Immunization Program at the Dept. of Health and Social Services to provide immunization outreach, especially in light of recent measles outbreaks in Alaska and Washington.

As you know, Alaska was a universal vaccine provider until 2010 when Federal funding was reduced and a cumbersome, expensive 2-tier system took its place. In 2015 Alaska successfully developed the AVAP (Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program), a consortium of public and private funding that once again provides universal vaccine access to Alaska's children. The program has been incredibly successful in providing efficiency in procurement and distribution while simultaneously offering significant financial savings.

Reauthorization of this important legislation is key to continued success in Alaska continuing to be a universal vaccine provider. We have made great strides in increasing our rates of immunization, having the infrastructure in place to support efficient distribution, storage and tracking is crucial to our continued efforts to increase our rates.

Sincerely,

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