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Senator Shower, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

Honorable Senator Shower,

As President and CEO of Life Alaska Donor Services, we are fully in support of SB 147. Both for online registration when renewing an Alaska driver's license as well as Donate Life Month which we are also members of Donate Life America. Our mission is to continue to provide the opportunity for our fellow Alaskans to make the choice of donation. The passage of this Bill would be extremely supportive to continue our mission. Currently, as stated in SB 147, Alaskans are unable to re-register for donation unless they go to a DMV office. Online registration would be extremely beneficial if they could simply click on the DMV site when renewing their driver's license to re-register and to continue their wishes to donate.

A brief history of Life Alaska Donor Services Life Alaska Donor Services

We are a stand-alone Alaska-based 501(c)(3) tissue recovery agency established in Anchorage in 1991. It was founded by Dr. David McGuire when he and his orthopedic associates determined a need for additional allograft tissue for their surgical patients which had not been satisfied by tissue banks in the lower 48. Over the next thirty-one years, Life Alaska has continued to grow and to diversify, while keeping our core mission in mind.

"Life Alaska is dedicated to increasing organ and tissue donation through professional transplant services, compassionate support of families, and community education."

Life Alaska is committed to serving the entire state of Alaska with our staff of ten benefitted employees and 4-5 per-diem recovery staff. We provide the following services from our Anchorage based office:

1. Donor referral evaluation
2. Authorization/notification, suitability determination
3. Case coordination
4. Donation Recovery Services
5. Quality Control/Quality Assurance
6. Family Services – care and follow-up of referred families regardless of donation decision
7. Professional and Public Education
8. Tissue Distribution Services
9. Hosting and maintenance of the Alaska Donor Registry – statistically, the nation's 2nd most successful donor registry as a % of issued drivers licenses.



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Initially restricted to bone recovery, Life Alaska (LADS) has diversified to include the following recovery services:

- a. Bone
- b. Tendons
- c. Skin
- d. Heart valves
- e. Veins
- f. Corneas
- g. Birth Tissue (recent addition)
- h. Nerve Tissue (in discussion and under consideration)

Your support for this important SB would be greatly appreciated and would continue to provide all Alaskans the opportunity to donate and provide life saving and life enhancing organs and tissues for transplantation.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Edward Huppman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Edward Huppman

President and CEO Life Alaska Donor Services.