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Dear Senators of the Finance Committee,

I fear SB 124 is too open-ended.

I acknowledge that homeless & violent people are a problem, but I am looking at worst-case scenario, which inevitably will come to pass. It is the potential abuse of this legislation that is concerning; though the bill is not directed at ordinary people, it would be so easy for ordinary people to get caught up in wrongful confinement.

All it would take is one arrogant health officer who thinks that anyone who disagrees with him or her is mentally ill. I'm sorry to say that we have seen that scenario play out in our own town, in the last two years.

All the safeguards in this bill involve people who are "authorities," government officials. After the last couple years, I think many of us Alaskans are aware that a government title is no guarantee of wisdom, or fairness, or responsibility. We would rather have a court of our peers - our neighbors - judge our sanity than any of the current Alaskan doctors, health officers, and mental health workers.

Please do not pass this bill as written.

Thank you,

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