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The Honorable Senator Jesse Borkman  
Chair, Senate Labor & Commerce Committee  
State Capitol, Room 427  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Providence Supports SB 217 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear: Senator Bjorkman and members of the committee:

Providence has set the standard for modern health care in Alaska for more than 100 years. Today we remain the state's largest health care provider, and the largest private employer, with more than 4,500 caregivers across the state. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 217, legislation that strengthens Alaska's workforce system by establishing a dedicated employer contribution to training and employment programs.

Providence Alaska recognizes that a well-trained, resilient workforce is fundamental to meeting the state's health, economic, and infrastructure needs. SB 217 supports this objective by directing a portion of employer contributions to the state's Employment Assistance and Training Program Account, helping sustain programs that equip Alaskans with skills required in high-demand fields.

The bill also updates employer contribution parameters within the unemployment insurance framework, ensuring greater clarity and predictability for employers while maintaining flexibility during periods of economic change. This forward-looking approach aligns with Alaska's long-term workforce development needs and provides a more stable, predictable framework for supporting job training and employment services statewide.

Thank you for your commitment to strengthening Alaska's workforce pipeline, supporting economic resilience, and providing a more structured funding mechanism for training programs that are essential to communities across our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Florian Borowski".

Florian Borowski  
Chief Human Resources Officer  
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Cc: Commissioner Cathy Munoz, Alaska Department of Labor