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The Honorable Ky Holland and The 34th Alaska Legislature
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: House Bill 30 and 34: supporting Alaska entrepreneurs and the Alaska startup ecosystem

Dear Representative Holland and the 34th Alaska Legislature:

As Co-Founder of Health TIE, an Alaskan healthcare innovation hub, and a long-time participant in the Alaskan entrepreneurial community, I am in full support of your efforts, along with others, to increase resources for innovators, entrepreneurs, startups, and small businesses in Alaska.

Health TIE creates opportunities for innovators - both within Alaska and outside - to assist health and social service organizations reduce costs while improving access to care. Some of the successful pilot projects we've launched include:

- MapHabit, a program that assists with independence for those with Traumatic Brain Injuries, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and Alzheimer's and Dementia
- OpiAID, a technology that uses biometric data to assist those going through Opioid Disorder Treatment
- Pear Suite, a technology that helps Community Health Workers connect their clients to resources.

Healthcare innovators are passionate about solving difficult health and social challenges, but often face an uphill battle against inertia and bureaucracy. One of the best ways to invest in our communities is to invest in the projects and people who are driven to make them better.

After 20+ years supporting the entrepreneurial ecosystem, I can tell you creating spaces and opportunities for innovators to build their ideas pays off exponentially. If we want to invest in the future of Alaska, one of the best places to start is by helping those brave enough to put a new service, product, or company into the world.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued advocacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline Summers". The signature is written in a dark grey or black ink on a white background.

Jacqueline Summers

