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February 16, 2024

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to medical assistance demonstration projects established by the Department of Health (DOH).

This bill would allow DOH to apply for a Section 1115 waiver under 42 U.S.C. 1315(a) to establish one or more demonstration projects focused on addressing health-related needs and supportive services for Alaskans. The bill defines “health-related needs” to include social or economic conditions that contribute to an individual’s poor health outcomes, such as nutrition and food security, workforce development, transportation, temporary housing, and case management. The goal of the bill is to expand Medicaid payment eligibility in a manner that creates a bridge to independence for Alaskans in need by authorizing time-limited support services, preventing negative health outcomes, and avoiding unnecessary health care costs, thereby building the care economy in Alaska.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "mike dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure