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Senator Gray-Jackson
State Capitol Bldg., Room 30
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Gray-Jackson:

The American Heart Association is proud to support Senate Bill 20 which would establish CPR training as part of the state's health curriculum. Thank you for your leadership in sponsoring this legislation.

More than 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital every year, and only 1 in 10 survive. When CPR is started right away, it can double or triple survival rates. Cardiac arrest is survivable for most people if it's treated within a few minutes.

Training students in CPR ensures that they learn lifesaving skills, preparing them to give people who experience cardiac arrest the immediate help they need to survive until EMTs arrive.

Let's create a nation of lifesavers by ensuring all of Alaska's students are trained in CPR and AED use prior to graduating high school.

With heartfelt thanks,

Lindsay Hovind
Vice President, Advocacy – Western Region