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The Honorable Cathy Giessel
State Capitol Room 427
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: SB112

Dear Senator Giessel:

The Alaska Trucking Association is a non-profit 501(c) 6 organization and has been an authoritative voice in the trucking industry for over 58 years. We strive to foster and promote the interests of the trucking industry in the State of Alaska, with a strong focus on safety and accountability within the industry.

In short this bill:

- Clearly establishes that an injury is compensable only if it is the major contributing cause.
- Establishes evidence-based treatment guidelines
- Replaces the current costly and totally ineffective vocational rehabilitation system with a voucher system
- Establishes a more fair adjudication process by moving hearings and pre-hearings to the Office of Administrative Hearings, a move that would also significantly reduce the Department of Labor budget
- Repeals and replaces the current claimant attorney fee structure

The ATA supports SB112 as written and urges you to vote in favor of the bill.

Sincerely,



Ayes Thompson
Executive Director

