

SAMSON

TUG AND BARGE

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Senator Mia Costello
State Capitol Room 504
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Senate Bill 112

Dear Senator Costello,

Thank you for all that you do for our great state. Today I ask you to please help us move SB 112 forward. This is an important bill, one that is important to me, my company and our state. The bill will both increase the quality of care for our injured workers and increase the efficiency of the system. It time to get this passed!

Samson Tug & Barge Company, Inc. is a marine cargo transportation business that provides freight service between Seattle, Washington and many ports in Alaska. Our company's headquarters is in Sitka. We have over 125 employees, of which 61 are covered by Alaska's Work Comp.

We believe that the current system is not providing the best care for our employees. We want to see evidence-based treatment guidelines. We want to make sure that our employees are protected from the threat of opioid addiction. We want our employees to return to work healthy and healed.

I'm pleased to report that reforms over the past five years have made a difference. Our premiums were just a little under \$1 million last year. Reforms work! We just want to see continued progress. We want healthy, happy employees. We want our employees to be the true beneficiaries of this important benefit.

Senator Giessel has worked hard on this bill and we really appreciate her efforts. I hope you will join us and help get SB 112 passed.

Sincerely,



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