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Senator Mike Dunleavy
State Capitol Room 510
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Dunleavy:

I am writing on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) to support Senate Bill 90 as introduced.

During Fiscal Year 2012, KPBSD spent $21,247,476 on employee health care costs. This compares to $13,053,373 spent for employee health care costs in Fiscal Year 2008. The cost per employee was $11,813 in 2008 and it was $17,204 in 2012. This increase came despite cost savings efforts within the district, and illustrates the need to reduce health care costs in our district.

I believe with the larger pool of participants that would result from Senate Bill 90, savings will be generated through economies of scale and through leveraged purchasing afforded by the increased volume. Such savings would allow our district to continue to focus our efforts and resources directly on the instruction of our students, instead of choosing which services or programs will be reduced.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information on why KPBSD supports Senate Bill 90.

Sincerely,

Dave Jones
Assistant Superintendent