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Sen Robert Myers Alaska Legislature Juneau, AK 99801

RE: SB99 Support

Dear Sen Myers:

AARP Alaska supports SB99 to allow professional conservatorship licensing for licensed Certified Public Accountants. Not all persons needing protective arrangements are in need of guardianship and conservatorship, and there are situations where a family member guardian may want the conservatorship role to be handled by a professional conservator. Currently there are only two professionals licensed as conservators and not full guardians. Offering an alternative path to professional conservator licensing rather than the same requirement as full professional guardians is a good way to grow the profession and help ensure that courts have more choices when faced with a person who does not have natural supports who are able or willing to serve in that role.

On behalf of the fastest growing senior population in the nation and our 77,000 AARP Alaska members, and for the benefit of all Alaskans, we thank you for your leadership on this important issue for older Alaskans.

Respectfully, Marge Stoneking Advocacy Director, AARP Alaska