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Dear Senator Kiehl,

I am writing in full support of SB 190, with gratitude for your advocacy for this important legislation. I participated on the WINGS committee that worked for several years to align Alaska guardianship statutes to the new Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship and Other Protective Arrangements Act, resulting in updated language and enhanced person-centered processes.

SB 190 strengthens the transparency of the guardianship process and provides enhanced protections for people needing the support of a guardian or conservator, whether short or long term.

Working in the disability sector in Alaska for over 40 years I have been actively engaged in the guardianship process for many people we have supported through the years. I also serve as a guardian for a dear friend. Modernizing language and process within guardianship statutes is long overdue, and I stand in full support of this legislation moving forward.

Sincerely,

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