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Dear Members of the House and Senate Committees:

I am writing in support of SB 144. The Alaska Primary Care Association represents the 143 (and growing) clinics operated by our 25 Community Health Center organizations. As such, we understand the vital importance of vaccination to Alaska's public health. There are immunizations available for many potentially deadly diseases, and it is disheartening to see that some Alaskans will not have access to the vaccines they need to stay healthy because the Alaska Immunization Program is no longer adequately funded.

While only temporary, this bill helps ensure that Alaskans of all ages will have access to the vaccinations they need to remain healthy. It also provides ample time for all parties to come together and work towards a more permanent solution.

The health of Alaskans and their families is an important issue, and SB 144 helps address a growing problem. I urge your support.

Sincerely,

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