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Representative Kurt Olson, Chairman
House Labor & Commerce Committee
Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Olson,

On behalf of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, we appreciate the introduction of HB104 and encourage its swift passage this session. The Borough administers self-insured workers' compensation claims for approximately 2,500 employees of the Borough and the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

Medical treatment is the largest cost component of the program. Quality medical services are key to promptly returning injured public employees to productive work. Fees must be high enough to encourage skilled providers to treat injured workers; and predictable prices enable the entities to allocate only the amount necessary to the workers' compensation program.

This bill meets both needs by establishing a set fee schedule for the services used most often to cure or relieve the effects of work injuries.

Sincerely,

Terri McFarland
Risk Manager

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