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The Honorable Bob Herron
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 411
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Herron:

As physician leaders of Providence Health and Services, Alaska's largest health system, we write today to thank you for introducing HB 310, and offer our strong support for this legislation.

We recognize the individual and public health consequences of unchecked infectious disease and believe that HB 310, with the goal of temporarily reinstating funding through the Department of Health and Social Services for adult and child immunizations is a positive step. Providence believes it is our heritage and responsibility to advocate specifically for our state's most vulnerable population; our children.

Thank you again for introducing this legislation and thank you too for your work on behalf our public's health.

Sincerely,

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Richard Mandsager, MD
CEO, Providence Alaska Medical Center

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Hunt".

Tom Hunt, MD
Physician Chief Executive,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Acarregui".

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cc: Representative Wes Keller
Commissioner Bill Streur