

Emails in Support of HB 300, air ambulance services bill

From: Elizabeth Cuadra [<mailto:cuadra@gci.net>]
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2014 8:39 AM
To: Sen. Dennis Egan; Rep. Cathy Munoz
Subject: Aircare Northwest air ambulance services (SB 159, HB 300)

I write to thank you both for sponsoring legislation to enable Airlift Northwest to continue its AirCare membership program for us here in Southeast Alaska.

I am 81 years old, and my household includes myself and my daughter, age 55. For several years I have kept renewing my household membership with Airlift Northwest, and the ability to continue this is very important to me. Without it, any medevac to a Seattle hospital can be exorbitantly expensive. That happened to my next door neighbor, whose husband suddenly had to be medevaced to a Seattle hospital.

For our household, the AirCare membership will expire mid-May unless this legislation passes this session.

Again, thank you, and I shall be doing whatever my partially disabled condition allows me to do (such as messages to committees) to help move this legislation along expeditiously.

(On the voter rolls, I am listed as Dorothy E. Cuadra.)

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From: Chris Guggenbickler [ccgugg@gci.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 8:44 PM
To: Rep. Cathy Munoz
Subject: HB 300

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The Honorable Cathy Munoz
State Capitol Room 421
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RE: Passage of House Bill 300, to allow air ambulance membership programs to continue.

Dear Representative Munoz,

My name is Chris Guggenbickler and I am a self employed commercial fisherman who resides in Wrangell Alaska. I am also a volunteer fireman and EMT.

One of our duties as an EMT is to transport patients and Airlift Northwest crew to and from the hospital to the airport. Living in a small community such as Wrangell and other small communities in Alaska we do not have the facilities or personel available to deal with major life threatening medical situations. The best we can do is stalabize these patients and medivac them to a facility best suited to deal with their injuries. This happens all too often, from major trauma and cardiac emergencies to simpler procedure we just don't have the resources to deal with in a small community.

Our fire and EMS personel have been covered through this membership program. Prior to that my family was enrolled in the Airlift membership program. As I can afford \$100 per year membership, a lifesaving flight could cripple my family financially.

Thank you for your time in sponsoring and pursuing passage of HB 300

Sincerely,
Chris Guggenbickler

From: hotjouppi [mailto:hotjouppi@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 3:37 PM
To: Christopher Clark
Subject: Airlift Northwest

My wife & I recently received a letter from Airlift Northwest stating that the Alaska Division of Insurance as denied the services we rely on as aging SE Alaska residents. We live in Representative Muñoz's district and would greatly appreciate it if she and others in the State Government could look into this matter since it's not only important to aging residents but to families with medical issues. Without this service many families cannot afford the expense of a privately paid medical air taxi.

Please help with this issue
Thank you,
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From: John Wynne [mailto:eagle2raven@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2014 3:01 PM
To: Rep. Cathy Munoz
Subject: AIR AMBULANCE EMERGENCY

Dennis & Cathy,

Thank you for supporting SB159 & HB300 to allow the air ambulance service provided by Airlift Northwest to continue.

You both know how crucial this is to SE Alaska. As it is so crucial, I ask that you include a clause in the bills to declare an emergency and for it to go into effect upon the signature of the Governor. This is much too important to have to wait.

Thank you.

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From: Katie Dangel [<mailto:ktdangel@ak.net>]
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2014 7:14 PM
To: Rep. Cathy Munoz
Subject: House Bill 300

Representative Nunoz,

This is the first time I have ever written to anyone in any form of government, but I feel very strongly about this bill. IT SHOULD BE PASSED.

I have been enrolled in AirLift's program since the membership became available to Alaskans. I have enrolled my parents and now just my father in the program as gifts. I medevaced my 92 year old father to Virginia Mason in Seattle just this past New Year's Eve. The care received during the flight could not have been surpassed. I know as I was a flight nurse for SEARHC for 17 years.

This membership program is needed by the citizens of Alaska, as stated everywhere flying patients is expensive, not everything is covered by insurance. If you compare the population of South East Alaska with the population of Washington and realize that the 4,066 (of which two are my father and myself) enrolled in the program and the memberships of 23,901 in Washington, I'm sure that the ration of subscriptions to population will be much higher for us in Alaska.

Please don't let this bill be defeated. The only ones who will be hurt by not having the program will be us Alaskans.

Thank you for your time and help in getting this bill passed.

Sincerely,

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