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The Honorable Bert Stedman
State Capitol Room 30
Juneau, AK 99801

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Re: Passage of Senate Bill 159, to allow air ambulance membership programs to continue.

Dear Senator Stedman,

My name is Ernest Bliss and I am a community member who resides in Wrangell Alaska.

As an employee of Wrangell Medical Center in the Radiology Department, I realize how important Airlift Northwest is to the members of our community.

Knowing ALNW is on the way to pick up the patient of a trauma gives reassurance to both the patient and healthcare provider. The fact that the deductible and coinsurance amounts, that may not be covered by the primary payer are covered, and that ALNW works directly with the insurance company is a definite relief for the patient and their family.

Please vote on this bill and show your support for your fellow Alaskans in our rural areas. I hope you will keep us informed of the bill's progress.

Thank you for your time and interest in pursuing passage of SB 159 this session.

Sincerely,



Ernest Bliss