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

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

Dear Senator Stedman:

My name is Janet Bunes and I am a Registered Nurse living and employed in Wrangell. I am currently employed at Wrangell Medical Center and have been a member of the Airlift Northwest membership program for several years.

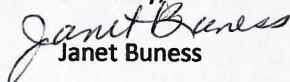
I support this bill because I believe Airlift Northwest provides an essential service to our small community. The staff working in these air ambulances are exceptionally well trained Registered Nurses. They are certified in advanced life support for adults, children, trauma patients and neonates. They are also critical care and flight nurses. These nurses provide high quality care during medical transports at an affordable cost.

Our personal insurance plan may not cover all of the cost of these services. The membership plan provides that only our insurance will be billed. Our membership fees help fund this service for all of the people in Southeast Alaska.

The passage of Senate Bill 159 will allow continued membership in an organization that we believe to be the best air ambulance service in Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,


Janet Bunes