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The Honorable Kurt Olsen State Capitol Room 24 Juneau, AK 99801

## RE: HB 141

Dear Representative Olsen:

I am writing to commend HB 141 to the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

It is one piece of what we hope will preface a comprehensive restructuring of the worker's compensation system in Alaska aimed at greater efficiency and lower insurance costs :

- Clarifies that Alaskans will not be charged higher fees for services received out of state than those providers charge their other customers.
- Establishes billing timelines
- Requires providers to submit bills to employers within 180 days after the treatment is rendered

Liberty Mutual Insurance supports HB 141 and commends it to the House Labor and Commerce Committee as these changes will accrue to the benefit of Alaskans and increase the predictability of the workers' compensation system.

Sincerely,

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