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To Whom it May Concern:

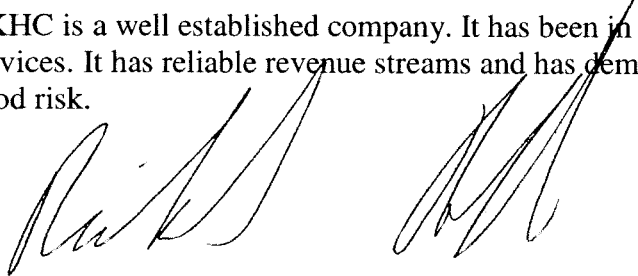
I am writing in support of Senate Bill 46 and House Bill 101. If passed, these bills would allow Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation access of \$250 million from the municipal bond bank.

The proposed new primary care clinic and hospital expansion would greatly improve medical services to the people of Bethel and the YK Delta. Not only the physical infrastructure, but many new provider and support positions will be funded by the Indian Health Service.

As the Mayor of Bethel, I personally support SB 46, HB 101 and the YKHC expansion and renovation proposal. YKHC is the biggest employer in Bethel and the YK region. This project will add over 250 new permanent jobs and annual increase in revenue of over \$30 million to Bethel. This is in addition to construction jobs. This would provide an economic boost the local economy.

These new jobs would be federally funded and would not cost the state anything.

YKHC is a well established company. It has been in operation since 1969, with consistent expansion of services. It has reliable revenue streams and has demonstrated increased revenues and collections. It would be a good risk.



Richard Robb
Mayor, City of Bethel