



March 28, 2017

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
Chair, Rules Committee
State Capitol Room 216
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Alaska House Bill 157

Dear Representative LeDoux:

The American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI)¹ strongly supports the enactment of House Bill 157 as it would update Alaska's life and health insurance guaranty association law and make it substantially similar to the NAIC *Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Model Act* (Model Act). Forty-three other states and the District of Columbia have already enacted legislation that is substantially similar to the Model Act.

House Bill 157 contains various Model Act provisions that would help achieve state uniformity and provide better guaranty association coverage to policyholders and contract holders residing in Alaska. These provisions include:

- \$250,000 coverage limit for structured settlement annuities
- \$250,000 coverage limit for governmental retirement benefit plans
- Coverage exclusion for Medicare Part C&D plans
- Coverage exclusion for factored structured settlement annuities

Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne A. Mehlman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Wayne Mehlman
Senior Counsel, Insurance Regulation

cc: Lori Wing-Heier
Director, Division of Insurance
4827-1399-4054, v. 1

¹ The American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association with 290 member companies operating in the United States and abroad. ACLI advocates in federal, state, and international forums for public policy that supports the industry marketplace and the 75 million American families that rely on life insurers' products for financial and retirement security. ACLI members offer life insurance, annuities, retirement plans, long-term care and disability income insurance, and reinsurance, representing 94 percent of industry assets, 93 percent of life insurance premiums and 97 percent of annuity considerations in the United States. Learn more at www.acli.com.