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The Honorable Cathy Giessel Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Room 111,
Juneau AK, 99801
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Dear Senator Giessel:

I am writing in support of AVAP's reauthorization (LS-0162).

As you know, Alaska was a universal vaccine provider until 2010 when Federal funding was reduced and a cumbersome, expensive 2-tier system took its place. In 2015 we successfully developed the AVAP (Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program), a consortium of public and private funding that once again provides universal access of vaccines to Alaska's children. The program has been incredibly successful in providing efficiency in procurement and distribution while simultaneously offering significant financial savings.

Reauthorization of this important legislation is key to continued success in Alaska continuing to be a universal vaccine provider.

Sincerely,

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