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The Honorable David Wilson
Chair Senate Health and Social Services
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 37 - Statewide Immunization Program

Dear Senator Wilson,

Aetna supports SB 37 (Statewide Immunization Program).

Aetna appreciates the efforts of Senator Giessel to renew the Statewide Immunization Program that was created by SB 169 in 2014. The program allows the Department of Social Services to purchase all pediatric and most adult vaccines at cost below those of private purchase alternatives and results in cost savings to the State.

Immunizations are an important part of public health and can help to prevent disease in adults and children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Butler", written over a horizontal line.

Shannon Butler
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