## Good Morning,

I am unable to testify in person this morning but I want to share my voice in written testimony regarding Senate Bill 8. I have been an educator and advocate of Alaska's young children and families for over 35 years and I support expanding Pre Elementary Programs in Alaska to ensure that our young children are ready to start school and succeed in life. I support SB because expanding the pre-elementary programs in Alaska gives families more options for affordable, high-quality early education. With increased access to high-quality early education programs, more of our young children will be better prepared to start school. The time to invest in early childhood development is more important than ever for Alaska's future. Thank you for the previous early childhood education votes!

Please support SB8!

Sincerely,

Margaret Bauer

**AECAG Chair**