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To: Senator David Wilson

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Re: SB70 Naloxone Standing Order

Senator Wilson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding SB70, the Naloxone Standing Order. Unfortunately, I am not able to provide personal, public testimony. I am scheduled to receive my second Moderna vaccine at the exact same time at the Alaska Fairgrounds.

I know there will be public testimony provided by the staff from Alaska Health & Social Services that will testify regarding the facts of having Naloxone available as an opioid overdose reversal drug. Those facts will address two essential components, saving lives and saving money.

Yet, I want to address a complimentary component that I believe has an important consideration. There has been over 40,000 Narcan kits assembled across over 120 'Overdose Response Programs.'

The Mat-Su Opioid Task Force is one of those overdose response programs. And, more importantly, it's the MyHouse Youth Advisory Group. These are young adults who have experienced homelessness and many have had substance misuse issues that are giving back to their community.

And, now, they are partners with Alaska Health & Social Services and in collaboration besides assembling Narcan Kits, have been trained and provided Narcan training to the Mat-Su. In fact, they have trained the Alaska Troopers Dispatch out of the Palmer Office, Wasilla Police and many community members.

What an incredible opportunity for Mat-Su Youth to give back to their community to step up to become mature, successful, quality-adjusted young adults.

This opportunity for these MyHouse Youth Advisory young adults would not have happened unless the Alaska Project Hope had provided this partnership and collaboration.

I am asking you to renew the 'Naloxone Standing Order' to save lives, save money and provide youth to continue being part of something greater than themselves and staying engaged in their community.

These youth are having an opportunity to give back to those still suffering as they once did.
A very healing aspect to their lives to save lives!

Thank you for considering this important Naloxone Standing Order .

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