From: on behalf of <u>Clare Loftus</u>

To: Senate Health and Social Services

Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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Dear Alaska Senate Health and Social Services Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 58, the bill to extend postpartum Medicaid coverage to 12 months after giving birth. This bill would improve health outcomes for pregnant people, reduce rates of maternal mortality, and help keep Alaska families healthy.

Maternal mortality rates are rising in Alaska. We know 60% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable. We know that extending Medicaid coverage to a full 12 months postpartum is one of the most effective ways to improve outcomes for pregnant people and save their lives.

Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58.

Sincerely,

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