

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Genevieve Schmidt
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 2:14 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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,
Ms. Genevieve Schmidt

[REDACTED] Juneau, AK 99801-9536 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Brook Beveridge
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 2:15 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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.

Folks who give birth are a particularly vulnerable portion of the population, especially with maternal mortality rates are rising in Alaska. We know 60% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable. Therefore, extending Medicaid coverage to a full year post birth 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,
Miss Brook Beveridge

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99503-1704 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Patricia Blank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 2:41 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

Dear Alaska Senate Health and Social Services Committee,

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

Sincerely,
Ms. Patricia Blank
[REDACTED] Haines, AK 99827-0112
[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Nora Morse
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,
Ms. Nora Morse

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99516-1665 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Robert Winckler
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families
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Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58.

Sincerely,
Mr. Robert Winckler
[REDACTED] Wasilla, AK 99687-7378
[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Susan Falk
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 2:57 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,
Ms. Susan Falk

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99516-4828 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Kathryn Friend
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 3:05 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,
Ms Kathryn Friend

[REDACTED] Eagle River, AK 99577-7914 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of IRENE BORTNICK
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 3:15 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58.

Sincerely,
Mrs IRENE BORTNICK

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99508-4446 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Robert Holston
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 3:23 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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.

I am a little wee one
down deep inside within.
I am the answer to the question,
"When does human life begin?"

The moment of conception,
when two lives did twine,
I began my life down here.
It's really quite divine.

I feel so warm, protected,
held close by your embrace.
I can hardly wait 9 months
to see you face to face.

When you and daddy did the deed
I sprang to life with lightning speed.
two cells united became one,
my little human life begun.

Take care of me dear mommy, now.
I'm more than just a fetus.
Please don't let immoral law
and government defeat us.

I feel no pain within your womb,
a place of sanctuary,
but if Planned Parenthood finds me here
things really might get scary.

I'm more than just a little blob to seek and then destroy.

I'm actually your little girl, maybe your little boy.

Poem by: Rob Holston, Ketchikan.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Holston

[REDACTED] Ketchikan, AK 99901-9231

[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Sarah Baldwin
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 3:25 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families
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Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sarah Baldwin

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99515-2736 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Morolayo Waller [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 3:27 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Morolayo Waller

[REDACTED]ber, AK 99506-1126 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ann Rappoport
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families
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I am pleased to hear that the Governor supports this needed support for Alaska families! Now it is your turn.

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

Sincerely,
Ms. Ann Rappoport

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99516-5316 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of KC Casort
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 3:41 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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.

All people deserve to health care, especially new parents who are recovering from birth while caring for a newborn! With our maternal mortality rates rising, this bill just makes sense (especially to leverage those federal funds!!).

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

Sincerely,
Mx. KC Casort

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-5775 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ethan Doran [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 4:00 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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.

Individuals with strong families have better social outcomes and contribute more to society, ensuring that those of us who are in the most precarious financial position have access to a better start in life with parents available and in good health is vital to improving our society.

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

Sincerely,
Mr. Ethan Doran

[REDACTED] North Pole, AK 99705-6613 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Robbie Raychel
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 4:02 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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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.

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

Sincerely,
Mr Robbie Raychel

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99516-2853 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: Toni Panetta <Toni.Panetta@nursefamilypartnership.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 4:05 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes on SB 58
Attachments: LoS_SB58_MedicaidPPTExtension.pdf

Dear Chairman Wilson and Vice Chairman Kaufman:

The National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP NSO) is excited to submit the attached letter of support for SB58, which extends postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to 12 months. We respectfully ask for your "yes" vote on SB 58 when it is heard in Senate Health & Social Services Committee on Feb. 9.

As you'll see in the attached letter of support, our organization supports the delivery of the evidence-based Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program in Alaska to nearly 400 first-time, low-income pregnant and parenting mothers who are experiencing the greatest adversities - 42% of whom have DenaliCare when they enroll into the NFP program.

SB 58 matters to the first-time moms and babies participating in the NFP program because it will reduce the risk of new moms losing access to essential health care services to remain healthy to care for themselves and their child.

We appreciate your consideration of SB 58 and respectfully urge your "yes" vote to improve early detection and intervention of health issues that can affect individuals in the postpartum period.

Sincerely,

Toni Panetta

Government Affairs Manager, Southwest Region

Pronouns: she, her, hers

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February 8, 2023

The Honorable David Wilson, Chair
Senate Health & Social Services
State Capitol Room 121
Juneau AK, 99801

The Honorable James Kaufman, Vice Chair
Senate Health & Social Services
State Capitol Room 115
Juneau AK, 99801

Submitted electronically via shss@akleg.gov

RE: SUPPORT - SB 58 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY: POSTPARTUM MOTHERS

Dear Chairman Wilson and Vice Chairman Kaufman:

The National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP NSO) is excited to offer our support for SB58, which extends postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to 12 months. **We respectfully ask for your "yes" vote on SB 58 when it is heard in Senate Health & Social Services Committee on Feb. 9.**

Our organization supports the replication of the evidence-based Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program in Alaska through 2 local agencies, Providence Health and Southcentral Foundation. NFP pairs low-income, first-time pregnant moms who are facing the greatest adversities with a specially trained registered nurse to provide voluntary, 1:1 visits for up to 75 minutes at a time in clients' homes on a weekly to biweekly basis, from early pregnancy through age two of the child. **The most recent data available shows 42% of NFP clients have DenaliCare when they enroll into NFP.**

The Providence NFP and Nutaqsiivik NFP at Southcentral Foundation programs deliver NFP nursing services to up to 380 families in 2 boroughs, Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna. With their free, personal nurse, first-time moms receive the care, support, and resources they need to: have a healthy pregnancy, be a responsible and caring parent, and become more economically self-sufficient.

SB 58 matters to the first-time moms and babies participating in the NFP program because it will reduce the risk of new moms losing access to essential health care services to remain healthy to care for themselves and their child. The postpartum period is an especially vulnerable time for parents who may be recovering from substance use disorders, face chronic complex medical conditions, or experience mental health conditions after birth. Maternal mental health is intimately tied to the health and development of the child and can lead to delayed cognitive, social-emotional, and behavior development in children.

Moreover, the Alaska Maternal Child Death Review Committee found for 2016-2022, 88% of pregnancy-associated deaths were potentially preventable, and 44% were associated with barriers to healthcare access.

With enactment of SB 58, Alaska will join 36 other states that have already extended Medicaid coverage through 1 year postpartum to increase healthcare access and improve maternal and child health outcomes. By preventing disruptions in care, Alaska can improve early detection and intervention of health issues that can affect individuals in the postpartum period.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toni Panetta', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

Toni Panetta

Government Affairs Manager, National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership
toni.panetta@nursefamilypartnership.org

cc: Senator Löki Tobin, Member, Senate Health & Social Services
Senator Forrest Dunbar, Member, Senate Health & Social Services
Senator Cathy Giessel, Member, Senate Health & Social Services

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Colin Mckenzie [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 4:11 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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,
Mr. Colin Mckenzie

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-3662 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Kayla Weller
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,
Ms. Kayla Weller

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99517-2225 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Georgianne Renfroe
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Georgianne Renfroe
[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99508-1212
[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tom Pittman [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 4:17 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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.

As a healthcare leader in this state, I urge you to vote yes on SB. 58. 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,
Mr. Tom Pittman

[REDACTED] Wasilla, AK 99654-8118 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of ashlyn johnson
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 4:34 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Sincerely,
Ms. ashlyn johnson

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99507-0954 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Julia Hicker
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2023 7:13 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

If we know what will lead to a future of healthy mothers and children, why aren't we making it happen? See the future, build the future.

Sincerely,
Miss Julia Hicker

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-6638 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Karen Bussa
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 11:00 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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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 maternal mortality is on the rise in Alaska. 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,
Mrs. Karen Bussa

[REDACTED] North Pole, AK 99705-7301 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jenna Klein [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 11:00 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jenna Klein

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99502-4050 [REDACTED]



ALL ALASKA
PEDIATRIC
PARTNERSHIP

February 8, 2023

Dear Senate Health & Social Services Committee Members:

The All Alaska Pediatric Partnership is strongly supports for SB58, which extends postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to 12 months.

This bill matters to Alaskans because it will increase healthcare access and improve maternal and child health outcomes. Extending insurance coverage through the first year postpartum will more adequately address both chronic and pregnancy-related medical conditions. By preventing disruptions in care, we can improve early detection and intervention of health issues that can affect individuals in the postpartum time.

Our work with both providers and families through our program Help Me Grow Alaska is intentionally designed for the widest “pediatric” age range of prenatal to age 26. The first year of a child’s life is a critical time in their development. Postpartum mood disorders have the potential for significant impact on both the health of the mother and baby. Postpartum Depression typically emerges over the first two to three postpartum months but may occur at any point after delivery.

Our nation’s rate of maternal mortality is rising and Alaska’s data shows that many of these deaths are preventable and occur after pregnancy-related Medicaid coverage ends. From 2016-2022, the Alaska Maternal Child Death Review Committee found that almost half of recent maternal deaths in Alaska were associated with barriers to health care access.

The postpartum period is an especially vulnerable time for parents who may be recovering from substance use disorders, face chronic complex medical conditions, or experience mental health conditions after birth. Maternal mental health is intimately tied to the health and development of the child and can lead to delayed cognitive, social-emotional, and behavior development in children. These consequences start in infancy, but they can affect the child into adulthood.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tamar Ben-Yosef
Executive Director
All Alaska Pediatric Partnership
tamar@a2p2.org
907-903-6770

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Meghan Barker
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 8:48 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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.

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

Sincerely,
Ms. Meghan Barker

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99517-1872 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Angela Harris [REDACTED]
@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 8:36 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

Dear Alaska Senate Health and Social Services Committee,

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Angela Harris

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99507-3940 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Gay Wellman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 8:26 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Gay Wellman

[REDACTED] Copper Center, AK 99573-9703 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Trinity Petersen [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 8:24 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,
Miss Trinity Petersen

[REDACTED] Boise, ID 83704-5655 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Barbara Norrell
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 8:06 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

Dear Alaska Senate Health and Social Services Committee,

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

Sincerely,
Ms Barbara Norrell

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99508-4810 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Savannah Nichols
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 7:14 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Sincerely,

Miss Savannah Nichols

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99507-4812 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Karl Bergman
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 7:08 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Sincerely,

Mr. Karl Bergman

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99708-2884

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sara Karl [REDACTED]
@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 6:41 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Sincerely,
Ms. Sara Karl

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-3951 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sara Canter [REDACTED]
@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 5:43 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58. You've taken away so many rights please help these young parents and pass SB 58.

Sincerely,
Ms Sara Canter

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99701-7720 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tasha Porcello [REDACTED]
@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 5:42 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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.

Pro life stances cannot end at delivery or even 60 days post partum. Some women develop post partum complications which require more than two months of medical treatment. Maternal mortality rates are rising in Alaska

Yet 60% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable.

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.

Support life. Take a stand. Mothers in good health are essential to families. Please support new parents and healthy families in Alaska by voting YES on SB 58.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tasha Porcello

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99516-2627 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Maggie Whitaker
[REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 5:26 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
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Sincerely,
Ms. Maggie Whitaker
[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99708-1985
[REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Sinead Morris-McHugh
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 5:21 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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Sincerely,
Ma Sinead Morris-McHugh

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-6354 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Marta McCracken
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2023 9:02 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: *****SPAM***** Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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Sincerely,

Ms. Marta McCracken

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99508-3906 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Emma Emma
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2023 8:28 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: *****SPAM***** Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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Sincerely,

Ms Emma Emma

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99501-4819 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Keils Kitchen [REDACTED]
@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2023 8:46 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,
Mr. Keils Kitchen

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99518-1238 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sean Marble
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2023 8:51 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Sean Marble

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-2414 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Breanne Meath
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,

Ms Breanne Meath

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-4828 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Heather Pritchard
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2023 9:20 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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

Sincerely,

M Heather Pritchard

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-6178 [REDACTED]

Jody Simpson

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Allegory Smith
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2023 9:45 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 58 and support Alaska families

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Sincerely,
Mx. Allegory Smith

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709-6638 [REDACTED]

Senate Health & Social Services
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB 58 – 12 Months Postpartum Coverage

February 9th, 2023

Dear Chair Wilson and Members of the Senate Health & Social Services Committee:

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Alaska (“PPAA”) writes in strong support of SB 58, which would ensure continuity of coverage and care for birthing parents by extending Medicaid postpartum coverage to a full year. Our state should do more to address maternal morbidity and mortality, and we urge you to support this cost-effective and much-needed bill to ensure that everybody has access to the care they need to keep themselves and their children healthy after giving birth.

Economic inequality, structural racism, and public health failures have all collided and resulted in dire maternal health outcomes for Black and Indigenous people in our country. The status quo is harming and killing our BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) birthing people and causing unacceptable maternal and infant health outcomes in Alaska. While Alaska has lower maternal mortality rates than the national average, there are still stark racial and geographic disparities in who is impacted most by maternal mortality – rates are highest among Indigenous parents and those in Southwest Alaska. Right now, American Indian and Alaska Native people are two times more likely to die of pregnancy-related causes than white women, and Black pregnant people are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than white women. Ensuring continuous care that will address the leading causes of complications is essential to significantly reducing maternal mortality rates in the state.

Extending Medicaid Postpartum Coverage Will Improve Maternal Health Outcomes

One of the most effective ways to improve outcomes for pregnant people is to ensure the continuity of care through 12 months. The Medicaid program plays an essential role in ensuring women have access to care; Medicaid covers one-in-five women of reproductive age (15-44) who would not

otherwise be able to afford or access it and is the largest payer for family planning services in the United States. The Medicaid program also disproportionately serves Black and Indigenous populations due to discrimination and systemic racism that leads to employment discrimination and lower wages, meaning efforts that support the Medicaid population would directly target the populations most severely impacted by maternal health disparities. Through Medicaid, pregnant people would be able to receive postpartum check-ups, prescription drugs, family planning services, lifesaving cancer screenings, and mental and behavioral health services for a full year after birth.

Research tells us that thirty-three percent of maternal deaths occur in the postpartum period, and a significant number of postpartum deaths occur past the current 60 days of postpartum coverage currently provided. The leading causes of death within the first year after childbirth includes substance use disorders, cardiovascular disease, other mental health conditions (e.g. postpartum depression), and hemorrhaging. Ending coverage after 60 days creates an unsafe gap in coverage, which interrupts stable and consistent access to care during this vulnerable time. Since 60 percent of all pregnancy-related deaths are preventable, expanding comprehensive coverage to all pregnant people for a year postpartum could have a major impact reducing maternal mortality rates.

Smart Investments to Keep Our Communities Healthy

This bill is not only good for the health and wellbeing of pregnant people across our state; it is also a smart and cost-effective investment. Ensuring that people have access to the post-pregnancy care they need, including preventive family planning and mental health care, may also create cost savings for the state down the road as people are able to access preventive care instead of waiting until they have reached a crisis point.

Further, recognizing the immense benefits associated with postpartum Medicaid coverage, federal lawmakers have created a pathway that would allow our state to expand Medicaid postpartum coverage without a waiver for the next four years. This would reduce the administrative burden of implementation and would allow the state to start drawing down federal matching funds sooner, in turn lessening the cost to the state to implement. The federal administration has even provided guidance that will allow states to get the maximum potential federal match for postpartum Medicaid patients who would otherwise qualify for the increased FMAP. These efforts signal that federal policymakers recognize the particular urgency this policy has during the ongoing public health and economic crisis, which has increased financial uncertainty, made it more difficult to access preventive reproductive health care, and created additional uncertainty and anxiety for people trying to plan their families.

Planned Parenthood believes all people in Alaska deserve to have healthy pregnancies, births, and postpartum periods, and we are glad to see SB 58 taking steps towards improving maternal health outcomes and addressing disparities. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Morgan Lim
Alaska Government Relations Manager
Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Alaska