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April 20, 1981

Senator Charles H. Parr  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V (MS 3100)  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Senate Bill #417

Dear Senator Parr:

Sincerely regret the introduction of Senate Bill #417 in this Session of the Legislature. Obviously, the intent of the Authors of the Bill is to provide for those persons in Alaska who do not have Group Health Insurance available to them. I can appreciate the desire on the part of these fine Senators to promote Legislation which brings about Social justice however, feel that positive action should not be taken on this type of Legislation by the 1981 Legislature.

You may be aware that a Committee is functioning in Alaska established by the Administration, known as the Alaska Comprehensive Health Care Financing Study Advisory Committee. This Committee is charged with the responsibility of studying the needs of Alaskans with regard to the payment of Health Care Expenses. They are attempting to determine if new systems need to be established to provide any Group of Alaskans with a source of funds on which they can rely. If you are aware of the Committee, you are undoubtedly also aware that a Research Organization named Battelle is presently doing a study on behalf of the Administration, and working with the Advisory Committee on our Health Care needs in the State. Battelle is attempting to develop a comprehensive report which will be available for all of us to study by year end, 1981.

The Advisory Committee is broadly representative of all interests in the State including the Insurance Industry. Battelle is eminently qualified to conduct the study which is already under way. I sincerely hope you will agree with me and the Life Underwriters Association of Alaska, that the best interests of all Alaskans will be served by letting this group of people who are already functioning, complete their work before taking action on legislation which will have substantial cost impact for many years to come.

Until Battelle and the Committees' reports are complete we will not be in a position to truly pinpoint those areas of need, if any,

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which exist in our State. Let's develop legislation, if it is indicated, for the 1982 Session which is responsive to the needs demonstrated by the Study rather than using the broad brush approach which Senate Bill #417 seems to do.

Sincerely yours,

ALASKA LIFE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION

By: 

D. Bailey Galvin, RLU - Chairman  
State & Federal Law & Legislation Committee

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