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# Alaska Primary Care Association

*"...uncompromising in the pursuit of access to primary care for all Alaskans."*



The Honorable Peggy Wilson, House HESS Chair  
Members of the House HESS Committee  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 403  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: Support for SCR 4

April 16, 2007

Dear Madame Chair Wilson and Members of the HESS Committee,

As Alaska Primary Care Association (APCA) represents 24 Community Health Centers (CHCs) with 115 clinic delivery sites that focus on meeting the needs of medically underserved areas and populations, particularly those who are uninsured and underinsured, we wish to express our support for SCR 4 Public Health and Health Compact that is before the House HESS Committee.

The implementation of the Alaska Health Compact via the promotion of personal health initiatives and successes through the media will serve to heighten awareness of cost-effective, preventative measures in a positive light for Alaskans. This Compact will reinforce the ongoing effort by the APCA and CHCs to encourage community members to engage in preventative measures and healthy lifestyles.

The APCA asks the House to join the Senate in recognizing the power and cost-savings in spreading the good news about prevention and healthy living. The APCA offers its full support for SCR 4.

Respectfully,

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Regan Mattingly  
State Affairs Coordinator

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Marilyn Kasmar  
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**From:** Amy Simpson [mailto:asimpson@picak.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2007 8:24 AM  
**To:** Rep. Peggy Wilson  
**Subject:** Health Compact

Dear Rep. Wilson,  
I support the Health Compact to address statewide health care issues that are greatly impacted by national health care issues. As an executive director of a nonprofit organization in Anchorage, I struggle each year to provide high quality health insurance for staff. Last year alone we incurred a 23% increase in premiums. Some of the early intervention services provided by PIC to infants and toddlers with special needs are billed through insurance companies and Medicaid. However, each year we see a decrease in reimbursement rates. What that translates into is less care being provided in the early years that are so critical in building strong foundations for children's future. I welcome the opportunity to have a comprehensive discussion about the impact of health care statewide. I share the frustration of others when I hear the statistics that Alaska ranks at the top of every negative list.

**Amy Simpson**  
Executive Director  
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Health, Education, and Social Services Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
House of Representatives  
Representative Peggy Wilson - Chair

House HESS CS for SCR 4:

Page 1 line 3 Insert "Whereas good health is a common goal for all Alaskans,"

Page 1 Replace lines 5-8 with "Whereas obesity and lack of physical activity can lead to long-term illnesses, such as heart disease, diabetes, and other diseases that require costly and ongoing health care; and

Page 1 line 9-16 Delete

Page 2 line 1-7 Delete

Page 2 line 8 replace "greatest" with "major"

Page 2 line 15 replace the comma with a period and delete the remaining words after the comma

Page 2 line 16 insert "Further Resolved each Alaskan is encouraged to share person-to-person or through various media, personal health successes and experiences."

"Further Resolved that Legislators, as members of the Health Compact, support personal health successes"

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## Senator Bettye Davis

SCR 4 "*Relating to public health  
and a health compact.*"

### Sponsor Statement

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The Health Compact encourages all Alaskans to:

- *Make healthy choices*
- *Promote their own health and well being*
- *Share their experiences and ideas on better health with one another*

Alaska faces a multilayered health crisis of growing proportion. An aging population is growing at a time when the ranks of our physicians are shrinking. The cost of medical care continues to rise as the number of uninsured Alaskans grows.

The Legislature will continue to work to assist in achieving better health for every man, woman, and child in the state. Yet there are things that we as individual Alaskans can do to improve our own health, thereby minimizing our impact on the health care system. We put forth as a small step, this simple tool to help Alaskans help themselves.

The resolution also dedicates the remainder of the year 2007 as a time to join the Compact, and dedicates 2008 as a year for sharing ideas and taking action.

The cost is free but the rewards are priceless.