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Requesting the United States Congress to grant a two-year moratorium on state maintenance of effort requirements for federally funded programs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the economic effects of the terrorist attack on our country on September 11, 2001, have contributed to major shortfalls in state revenue and increases in state expenditures; and

WHEREAS Medicare and Medicaid costs have risen, causing states serious budgeting problems; and

WHEREAS states are striving to reallocate available funds to address this economic situation; and

WHEREAS the requirements for maintenance of state effort under certain federal programs denies states the opportunity to reduce or reallocate a large share of state expenditures; and

WHEREAS states must have this flexibility to develop budgets that truly address and meet important state needs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Congress to grant a two-year moratorium on state maintenance of effort requirements for federally funded programs so that states may have more flexibility to address priorities and to react to the fiscal situation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the other 49 states; the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Trent Lott, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard A. Gephardt, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.