



March 20, 2018

The Honorable Mia Costello
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Rm 504
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Senate Bill 38, an act relating to pharmacy benefits managers

Dear Senator Costello:

I am writing to you to express that the Alaska Chamber's position on Senate Bill 38 is now "neutral".

The Alaska Chamber is a non-profit founded in 1953 working to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber is the voice of small and large business representing hundreds of employers and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies employ over 100,000 hard-working Alaskans.

Alaska Chamber members are struggling to provide coverage to its employees due to the high cost of medical care in Alaska and the demands of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Alaska Chamber in March 2017 asked this legislation be held until President Trump and the U.S. Congress could navigate the next steps regarding the ACA and it was hoped that a path would be created to provide affordable healthcare through the actions of Congress. However, after a year and no clear path forward this legislation should be debated on the merits and determine what is in the best interest of Alaska.

Thank you for the opportunity to once again weigh in on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Curtis W. Thayer'.

Curtis W. Thayer
President & CEO