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April Kyle, MBA
President and CEO
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Re: Support for Land Transfer Legislation

Dear Ms. Kyle,

The State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH) supports the legislation that will transfer the land located at 225 Eagle Street from the Indian Health Service to Southcentral Foundation (SCF). This land currently houses the Qu yana Clubhouse which provides vital clinical and wrap around services for individuals experiencing severe and persistent mental illness. This facility, alongside SCF's Intensive Case Management (ICM) program, provides significant outreach and engagement and case management services for unhoused members of the Anchorage community. Together, these programs support individuals on their health and wellness journeys and provide support with a plan of care that includes housing, medical, behavioral, and other health related needs.

The DOH plays a key role in supporting the populations served by these two SCF programs. Through a Medicaid program 115 Waiver, DOH has authorized the availability of Intensive Case Management services. SCF is one of two providers operating this service in the Anchorage area and is supporting close to 300 Alaskans, many of whom are currently unhoused.

However, there are many more who could use the support SCF provides. Allowing for the transfer of the land at 225 Eagle Street from Indian Health Service to SCF will create the conditions necessary for rapidly scaling up these two impactful programs.

If members of Alaska's congressional delegation have any questions about DOH's support for this legislation, please have them contact Emily Ricci (907)-269-7848. I appreciate their introduction of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi Hedberg".

Heidi Hedberg, Commissioner
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