

February 20, 2025

Senator Robert Myers
State Capitol Room 7
Juneau, AK 99801
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RE: AHHA Supports Senate Bill 9 – Infant Safety Devices

Dear Senator Myers,

For over 70 years, the Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (AHHA) has served as a non-profit trade association representing Alaska's hospitals, nursing homes, and a growing number of healthcare partners across the continuum of care. AHHA members play an invaluable role, both as community providers and essential employers, in cities, towns, and villages across Alaska.

AHHA supports Senate Bill 9, which amends Alaska's safe surrender laws to allow for the use of infant safety devices at designated surrender locations. Hospitals represent a place of safety, especially during times of crisis, and we have long been recognized as designated sites for safe surrender of an infant.

We appreciate your legislation because it represents a practical approach to providing opportunities for safe surrender. Eliminating barriers, increasing safety, and allowing for anonymity align with and improve our safe surrender laws, and we believe it is important that Alaska follow the twenty-two other states that authorize infant safety devices.

In closing, thank you for bringing this important legislation forward and your efforts in prioritizing access to quality, sustainable healthcare for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,



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