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Mr. Steve Hildebrand
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Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Hildebrand:

This is a letter of support for a capital request by Hospice & Home Care of Juneau for a point of care system implementation. This point of care system is required for this nonprofit, Medicare-certified hospice organization in Juneau to be compliant with upcoming requirements by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. This point of care platform for electronic medical records and servers delivery system is essential for this organization to retain its national certification and to be able to continue to provide levels of services needed in the Juneau community. Please note that this is the only Medicare-Certified hospice organization in Juneau and has been in place since the 1980s.

There is a 2010 timeline set by the federal government and the funding will need to be completed by 2009 in order to obtain this system and to be able to have it up and running as required.

As the Hospice Medical Director since 1987, it is my hope that you will look upon this favorably in order for us to continue our important work for those in need and those with terminal illness in Alaska's third-largest city.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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