

June 9, 2020

Dear Economic Stabilization Task Force,

Juneau Emergency Medical Associates (JEMA) provides physician services to the Bartlett Regional Hospital Emergency Department. JEMA physicians have worked collaboratively with Airlift Northwest nurses for over 37 years to provide critical care to members of the Juneau community. Airlift provides an important medevac service and JEMA supports them receiving an allocation of CARES Act funds to keep their PC 12 turboprop in Southeast Alaska.

Airlift Northwest has recently acquired an ISO-POD that can be used to transport suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients. This technology adds an additional layer for preventing the spread of the virus during transport. In the event of a COVID-19 surge in Southeast Alaska, having multiple medevac options and the ISO-POD available will be beneficial to Juneau and the surrounding communities.

Please support Airlift Northwest receiving an allocation of CARES Act funds. Funding will allow them to keep their PC 12 turboprop in Alaska, as well as, their nurses and pilots. This aircraft allows them the ability to transport bariatric patients and two patients at a time. It also allows them to reach the smaller communities, which often call on Airlift to transport patients to Bartlett Regional Hospital.

Sincerely,



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