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To Whom It May Concern:

SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) provides medical services throughout Southeast Alaska. Many of our clinics are not accessible by jet and on occasion require a turboprop aircraft to medevac patients to definitive care.

Airlift Northwest has a second call contract with SEARHC and provides medevac services when Guardian is unavailable to transport patients. If Airlift Northwest moves their PC 12 turboprop out of Southeast Alaska, it could negatively impact our clinics in Hoonah, Kake, Haines, Klawock and Craig by reducing their medevac options or requiring them to accept longer estimated time of arrivals.

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.

Airlift has provided medevac services to the region for 37 years. Please consider allocating CARE Act funds to Airlift Northwest so their PC 12 turboprop can continue to provide medevac services to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Charles Clement

President and Chief Executive Officer