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To Whom it May Concern:

Bristol Bay Borough School District is located in Bush (remote rural) Alaska. Our employees are covered by a health plan that is not extravagant, but is very costly due to our remote location. Health care in our communities is limited and anything more than *minor injuries/care* often requires our staff members to purchase air travel to our urban hub, Anchorage. The airfare currently stands between \$650-\$700 for a round trip ticket and requires the purchase of lodging and ground transportation while dealing with their health issues. A parent taking their child in for a simple health care issue will spend 3 days and up to \$2000 in airfare, lodging, food and ground transportation.

Needless to say, our insurance costs are very high. We feel that the implementation of the Cadillac Tax cannot be done correctly unless it takes into account the extreme costs drivers that impact Bush Alaska communities. We feel that a more equitable approach needs to be found that defines a Cadillac insurance plan by looking at other measures than strictly the cost of the plan.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and would be happy to provide any other information that would be helpful in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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