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Dear Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition members,

The health care landscape has become increasingly difficult for organizations like Planned Parenthood Great Northwest Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky. In recent months, we undertook a careful review of patient needs, health center operations, and the overall accessibility of care in Alaska and across our six-state region. After careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to permanently close the Juneau health center, which has been closed since the fall for building repairs.

This decision was not made lightly. Like many health care providers, we're facing rising health care costs, low reimbursement rates, workforce shortages, and the lasting effects of Covid-19. The impact for PPGNHAIK is even more severe due to the targeted attacks on reproductive health care and the aftermath of the *Dobbs* decision. We need to adjust how we operate to protect access for as many patients as possible. By consolidating resources, we can continue to offer care across Alaska.

Our priority during this transition is ensuring patients understand their options. We are communicating directly with our Juneau patients to provide guidance and assistance so they can continue receiving the high-quality care they count on from Planned Parenthood:

- We are offering telehealth services that provide patients with the ability to access appointments virtually.
- We are referring patients to trusted community health care partners to ensure continued access to care. (See enclosed list.)

We understand how important our services are to the communities we serve, including Juneau. While these changes weigh heavy, they are necessary to ensure we can keep serving our communities for years to come. With your continued support, we will meet these challenges and keep working toward a future where all patients can access the care they deserve.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment.