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Tom

I did not respond to two of the items Mr. Will brought up in my previous e-mail.

He said the survey was unscientific. The survey was sent the lab managers in the state and they were asked to distribute the survey to their staff. We also notified members of CLSA and asked them to distribute the survey if their manager did not make it available. We had a response rate similar to surveys in the literature. The vote was split almost evenly with a slight majority in favor of licensure. At the CLSA General Meeting, the members voted to continue pursuing licensure but tasked the Licensure Committee with addressing concerns raised by those that were against licensure. The Grandfather Clause, exemptions for temporary employees and oversight for POCT were changes made to address concerns.

Mr. Will mentioned that only 4 of the 31 laboratory professionals in his facility are members of ASCLS/CLSA. In addition to being a certifying agency, the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP) is a professional organization that provides continuing education and represents members concerning legislative issues. Many lab professionals in Alaska belong to ASCP which also supports licensure but does not have a state constituent society in Alaska. ASCP represents both anatomical and clinical pathology including pathologists

ASCLS is not a certifying agency. It is a professional organization that provides continuing education and represents

members concerning legislative issues. ASCLS only represents' clinical laboratory professionals and does not represent pathologists. CLSA is the state constituent society for ASCLS. Many laboratory professionals join only one organization due to costs. Both are in favor of licensure.

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Heidi,

I am sorry for the short notice on the attached letters provided for your review. Please be prepared to respond in hearing tomorrow to the letter of opposition by George Will, Jr. at hearing. His summary on page three is that "this seems to be a solution to a non-existent problem."

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Please add the attached documents to your SB 166 packet. My apologies if any of these are duplicates.

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