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Senator Dennis Egan
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: SB 92 - DENTISTS/DENTAL HYGIENISTS/ASSISTANTS

Dear Senator Egan:

Thank you for working with us to address concerns the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and other tribal health providers found with the committee substitute coming out of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee.

In villages across Alaska the only health provider is the village clinic operated by the Alaska Tribal Health System. Health care services, often including itinerant dental services, are provided to Alaska Natives/American Indians under provision of federal law. In communities that have no non-tribal health care alternative, the village clinic is able to provide health care services for non-beneficiaries also.

ANTHC has strong interest in maintaining this status quo, and with the draft amendment, 27-LS0403\D.3 dated 3/28/22, to be offered in the Senate Finance Committee, ANTHC supports Senate Bill 92.

Sincerely,


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