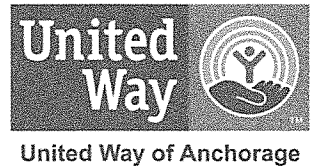


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Representative Steve Thompson
State Capitol Room 500
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RE: Letter of Support for HB269 - IMMUNITY FOR TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Dear Representative Thompson,

The Volunteer Health Care Provider Immunity Act of 2004 has and continues to give Alaska licensed health care providers statutory immunity against civil damages resulting from an act or omission when they provide free health care services, within the scope of their license. This act is a significant support in delivering pro bono services to individuals without insurance or public benefits. Hundreds of Alaskans have received free health care because of this law.

Please extend this immunity to individuals who have acquired a temporary health care provider license to expand the number of individuals able to provide pro bono health services to Alaskans. By extending this immunity the Alaska Legislature will remove one of the roadblocks for health care providers to travel to Alaska and participate in pro bono clinics that provide care for underserved populations. Additionally, the bill would provide members of our military who are serving in Alaska a way to donate their services.

Alaskans have a strong commitment to volunteering. In 2012, the Corporation for National and Community Services reports that 196,310 or 33.2% of Alaska residents volunteer, ranking Alaska 12th among the 50 states and Washington, DC. The average volunteer hours per resident - 52.3 hours. By extending the statutory immunity to volunteers from other locations, Alaska will provide protection for those from other locations who have a calling to volunteer in Alaska as well.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Brown", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Michele Brown
President