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Senator Dennis Egan
State Capitol Room 510
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Egan,

We are deeply appreciative and excited that this bill is going forward. The Governor's Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services (ACEMS) feels the responsibility of ensuring the most up to date information is utilized in the instruction of the state's first responders throughout Alaska. The ability to do that with cardiopulmonary resuscitation training (CPR) has been hindered by a seemingly minor road block in the state regulatory process.

We feel that SB 202 will remedy this situation.

The members of ACEMS feel there would be a significant benefit in adding the ILCOR scientific findings to the list in AS 47.05.012. This would allow the EMS Unit of the Section of Emergency Programs (the lead agency for EMS training in Alaska) and EMS instructors in the State to teach the most current, appropriate resuscitation standards as they are published, without having to go through a succession of regulatory changes to adopt new curricula for their training programs. This bill is vital to help maintain the high standards of emergency care in Alaska.

Thank you for your time and efforts of this very important matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'David Hull', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Hull, MICP
Chair, Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services

