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Senator Fred Dyson  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 121  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Dyson:

I have reviewed your proposed bill, SB 14 -Health Provider Protection of Conscience, and I wish to extend my strong support for your proposal. I have been a physician since 1969 and I have indeed seen great changes in the practice of medicine over the years. There are increasing pressures coming to bear on medical workers which pose ethical and professional dilemmas. I have personally given written notice that I would not participate in certain procedures except for life threatening circumstances and, even then, I have faced considerable pressure to force my assistance. Fortunately I have been able to withstand the pressure so far, but I can see how your bill would provide much needed protection and strengthening of my position of conscience and would give further help to many other medical workers who might face even greater coercive pressure. Your bill is a well directed effort to provide legal protection of conscience for health care workers and it fills a real need in a complex, diverse, and highly technical modern society. While I would never have anticipated this need in 1969, I can now see the great necessity for your bill today. If I can be of any help in your efforts, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Resinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" being the most prominent part.

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## Chuck Kopp

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**From:** Thomas Wells [tomwells@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 3:13 PM  
**To:** Chuck Kopp  
**Subject:** SB 14

Dear Senator Dyson:

I have reviewed Senate Bill 14 concerning health care provider protection of conscience. I feel this is a good bill that protects the actions of providers who in good conscience do not provide drugs or treatment to patients who request treatment, medications or procedures that the provider feels is unethical or detrimental to the patient's health. A prescription by one provider should not obligate another provider to perform procedures that could be harmful to the patient or unethical in the eyes of the second provider. Pharmacists should not be obligated to provide large volumes of addictive drugs to patients who are prone to drug addiction. I am sure there are a multitude of other circumstances in which the conscience provider needs protection.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Wells DDS, MS