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**To whom it may concern;**

**As a chiropractor currently practicing in Alaska, and as a former licensed massage therapist, I have a unique perspective on the current proposal under review. I also happen to be working in Barrow presently and therefore can bring some additional understanding to this proposal and how it affects Alaskan's living in remote areas.**

**As one of the few remaining states to implement a licensing board and regulations and procedures for massage therapists within the State, it is long overdue. Without these types of procedures in place, anyone could present themselves as a Massage Therapist. The public at large believes them to have some sort of training to ensure the proper employment of massage techniques, but they would be mistaken in many cases. This unfortunately could lead to unsafe and unethical practices.**

**Additionally, due to the extremes in climate in Alaska, massage therapy is a very effective therapeutic technique which is of great benefit to Alaskan's. Unfortunately some insurance companies will not currently cover these services when it is not provided by someone who is licensed, and therefore trained appropriately and regulated in regard to ethical and professional conduct. Implementing a State board to license and regulate this profession is necessary in providing for the needs of many Alaskan's as then these services would be more likely to be covered by the insurance they currently carry.**

**For the safety, and improved standard of care this would provide to all the residents of Alaska, it is my professional opinion that the regulation of this particular profession is of paramount importance and lend my full support to this endeavor.**

**Sincerely,**

**Justin J Petersen DC**