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**Subject:** Please Support Senate Bill 166

Honorable Senator Dunleavy,

I am asking you to support Senate Bill 166, "An Act relating to the Board of Nursing."

I have served as a public member on the Alaska State Board of Nursing since April 1, 2011. Over the past few years, we have made great progress updating our regulations to include new job titles and acronyms recognized by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).

Senate Bill 166 further provides needed updates to compliment national standards. It also includes a new section for retired nurses. This is an area that was requested and is overwhelmingly supported by nurses in our great state.

It is vitally important to the Board that the nurse population has the best representation possible. To accomplish this, we carefully reviewed the positions on the Board and amended position descriptions to provide the experience necessary to perform the duties while simultaneously expanding eligibility for membership. The goal is to offer greater opportunity to serve to nurses statewide.

The changes in statute this bill addresses have been carefully discussed over the past year. Nurses throughout the state were engaged with the board during this process and provided constructive feedback ensuring updates will meet the needs of our nurses and the public.

Please consider expediting movement of this bill.

Respectfully,

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