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Senator Peter Micciche 145 Main Street Suite 226 Juneau, Alaska 99611

Dear Senator Micciche,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Alaska Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Board. I am the Board Chair.

We are pleased to advise you the Board voted unanimously on Thursday, January 28th, to support SB 98, which includes Senator Giessel's amendment.

The passage of SB98 will assist us in introducing necessary regulations for our profession's practice of teletherapy and telesupervision.

Our field's founding pioneers advocated the principles of Interagency Coordination and Interdisciplinary Collaboration. Your bill and Senator Giessel's amendment is a welcome voice of support for these principles.

Please know we are most appreciative of your continuing support of our profession and trust this letter may assist discussion of this bill during committee hearings.

With Much Appreciation,

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