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To: [Sen. Anna MacKinnon](#)
Subject: SB51 support public member on the Alaska Veterinary board
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I live in Eagle, Alaska, a bush, rural community and I am concerned about veterinary care in our community. I am concerned about getting rabies shots for my 18 sled dogs. It is difficult getting vaccinations in for PARVO for puppies and yearly boosters for our adult dogs. I support SB51 with the proposed amendment that the Alaska veterinary board is required to add a rural public member from a town/ village or remote homesite that is off the road system and has a population of less than 1000 people.

I am concerned about zoonotic diseases in rural communities and the lack of immediate vet care if there is an outbreak. Losing dogs is economically devastating as well as losing animals that have been raised from puppies and then lost due to a disease that is carried into our town and spreads through our dog kennels.

Therefore I believe it is important for our community to have a member Rural Public Representation on the Alaskan Veterinary Board.

Thank you for your service.

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