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Subject: Please Support HB 103
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Dear Alaska State Senator,

I am an Optometrist licensed in Alaska, living in Two Rivers and practicing in Fairbanks. I urge you to support HB 103. Current optometric practice in the state of Alaska will not change under HB 103. The bill only gives the Board proper authority to regulate the profession, the same as dentists and nurse practitioners.

HB 103 does not allow optometry to do anything beyond our education and training. Our training is identical to dentistry, with 8 years university and optional 1-2 years residency. The opposition is misleading you in saying that we would be doing their specialty complex surgery, which we are not trained for and would not be allowed to do under HB 103. We only perform minor procedures for which we are fully trained at accredited colleges of optometry - and this would not change under HB 103.

Optometrists provide the vast majority of primary eye care in Alaska and have never been a danger to the public. The eye care we provide throughout Alaska is critical to the wellbeing of your constituents.

Thank you for your time,

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