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The Honorable Lora Reinbold  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 427  
Juneau, AK 99801

February 12, 2019

Dear Senator Reinbold:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense, I am writing in support of the policy changes as currently reflected in SB 11, sponsored by Senator Kawasaki. This policy, as proposed, will support a significant 2019 Department of Defense priority for state occupational licensing boards to improve licensure requirements for transitioning active duty military spouses.

The Department is grateful to the Alaska Legislature for making great strides to improve the transition of military members and their families. House Bill 28, enacted in 2011, regarding the granting of temporary licenses for certain nonresident professionals, such as military spouses with active licenses from other states, is an example of Alaska's leadership on occupational licensure.

Military families, similar to American families as a whole, often require two incomes to achieve their aspirations. Frequent moves can inhibit a military spouse's ability to start and sustain a career. Differing licensing requirements can limit advancement or deter re-entry into the workforce at a new location. Spouses often suffer long periods of unemployment and therefore loss of needed income to the family.

We want to provide as much information and support as possible to you and your legislative colleagues as the policy recommendation in SB 11 moves forward in upcoming steps in the legislative process.

Again, we appreciate Alaska's supportive efforts of the military members and families. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 571-424-8264 or [tammie.l.perreault.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tammie.l.perreault.civ@mail.mil) if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tammie L. Perreault", is positioned above the typed name.

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