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Senator Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel;

The Alaska Board of Nursing is entirely in support of SB36 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; and providing for an effective date."

The Alaska Board of Nursing is needed to protect the health and safety of Alaskans. The Alaskan population has special needs resulting from such diverse and isolated areas. The Alaska Board of Nursing regulates Alaska nursing education, licensing and scope of practice. With Alaska Board of Nursing guidance and oversight, Alaska nurses ensure safe effective health care services while meeting the unique Alaska population needs. The Alaska Board of Nursing is essential to maintain and further expand the high degree of health care services provided by Alaska's nurses.

Thank you for your time and attention to the Alaska Board of Nursing position in support of SB36.

Sincerely,

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