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Senator Cathy Giessel
State Capitol Room 111
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Giessel,

I am writing to convey my strong support for SB 36, which would extend the Board of Nursing through 2025. The Board of Nursing is crucial to adequately regulate the practice of professional nursing in Alaska to protect the health of Alaskans across the State.

The Board of Nursing protects the health of Alaskans in a number of ways:

- It assures that licensed nurses are competent to provide safe and effective nursing care to the public;
- It develops reasonable and uniform standards for nursing practice, publishing opinions and giving advice to nurses and health care institutions regarding those standards; and
- It establishes procedures that facilitate the preparation of an adequate supply of nurses to meet the public's need for nursing care and that promotes the public's access to high quality nursing and health care.

Nurses practice in a wide variety of settings, each of which has unique characteristics and clientele. The health of Alaskans depends on having an effective Board of Nursing that ensure that safe and effective nursing service providers that understand the full range of nursing practice, including nursing education.

It is for these reasons that I urge passage of SB 36.

Sincerely,



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