

February 28, 2019

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

Dear Senator Giessel,

RE: SB 36

I am writing to support SB 36 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; and providing for an effective date" of June 30, 2025. I want to thank you for introducing this bill to extend the board's termination date an additional six years.

The State's nursing board is integral in management, support, and regulation of our state's Certified Nurse Aides (CNA), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Registered Nurses (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN). The transparency and accessibility of the board allows the easy access to the public and allows for testimony when needed. This is integral in development of regulations that shape how we, as nurses, practice.

The board's mission statement is "to actively promote and protect the health of the citizens of Alaska through the safe and effective practice of nursing as defined by law." In my 40 years of nursing, I have always had great respect for the statutes and regulations set forth by the state licensing board that I am working in. I also, commend those who give of their time to ensure the integrity and safety of nursing in Alaska by serving in a board seat.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Phillips".

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