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Honorable Senator David Wilson, Chair
Senate Health & Social Services Committee
State Capitol, Room 121
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Transmitted via email: Senator.David.Wilson@akleg.gov

Re. Support for SB 21

Dear Chair Wilson,

This correspondence represents the support of the State Medical Board for Senate Bill 21, License Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics.

During our February 18-19, 2021 quarterly meeting, the Board voted in favor of consolidating the oversight of paramedic licensure under the State Emergency Medical Services Office within the Department of Health and Social Services.

The transfer of the MICP unit would allow for a more streamlined and efficient process for licensing paramedics and create more robust opportunities for educational and peer development supporting this critical Alaskan workforce. In addition, being under the auspices of the DHSS Emergency Medical Services Office, paramedics will have more access to a broader national professional network and an enhanced ability to enter into the national EMS compact.

Thank you for your time and consideration in supporting Senate Bill 21.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Wein, M.D.".

Richard Wein, M.D.,
Chair State Medical Board