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Date: February 16, 2021

To: Senator David Wilson

From: Michael P. Carson, V.P. & Recovery Specialist, MyHouse of Mat-Su
Chair of the Mat-Su Opioid Task Force

Re. SB70 Naloxone Standing Order

Senator Wilson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding SB70, the Naloxone Standing Order. Unfortunately, I am not able to provide personal, public testimony. I am scheduled to receive my second Moderna vaccine at the exact same time at the Alaska Fairgrounds.

I know there will be public testimony provided by the staff from Alaska Health & Social Services that will testify regarding the facts of having Naloxone available as an opioid overdose reversal drug. Those facts will address two essential components, saving lives and saving money.

Yet, I want to address a complimentary component that I believe has an important consideration. There has been over 40,000 Narcan kits assembled across over 120 'Overdose Response Programs.'

The Mat-Su Opioid Task Force is one of those overdose response programs. And, more importantly, it's the MyHouse Youth Advisory Group. These are young adults who have experienced homelessness and many have had substance misuse issues that are giving back to their community.

And, now, they are partners with Alaska Health & Social Services and in collaboration besides assembling Narcan Kits, have been trained and provided Narcan training to the Mat-Su. In fact, they have trained the Alaska Troopers Dispatch out of the Palmer Office, Wasilla Police and many community members.

What an incredible opportunity for Mat-Su Youth to give back to their community to step up to become mature, successful, quality-adjusted young adults.

This opportunity for these MyHouse Youth Advisory young adults would not have happened unless the Alaska Project Hope had provided this partnership and collaboration.

I am asking you to renew the 'Naloxone Standing Order' to save lives, save money and provide youth to continue being part of something greater than themselves and staying engaged in their community.

These youth are having an opportunity to give back to those still suffering as they once did.
A very healing aspect to their lives to save lives!

Thank you for considering this important Naloxone Standing Order .

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February 24, 2021

Senator David Wilson, Chairman
Senate Health and Social Services Committee
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Wilson,

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Alliance strongly supports Senate Bill 70, a bill to remove the sunset date and allow the chief medical officer to continue to issue a standing statewide order for the prescription of Naloxone.

Allowing first responders to administer this opioid reversal medication is known to save lives. During an opioid overdose, whether from taking too much prescription pain medicine after surgery, or accidental ingestion by a household member, minutes matter in the treatment of an opioid overdose. Opioids depress the respiratory drive, and a timely injection of Naloxone causes immediate and dramatic reversal of this respiratory depression.

The APRN Alliance is in full support of making prescription Naloxone more available. We also support widespread community training during Overdose Response Programs and distribution of Overdose Response kits.

If you have questions or would like to discuss naloxone or opioids, our advanced practice nurse anesthetists would be happy to speak with you on this or related topics.

Sincerely,

Marisa Bune, NP-C
President, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Alliance



JUNEAU REENTRY COALITION

*Promoting Public Safety &
Strengthening Our Community*

February 24, 2021

The Honorable David Wilson
The Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 70, Opioid Overdose Drugs.

Dear Senator Wilson:

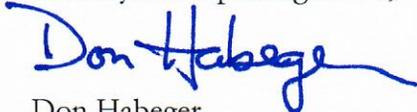
Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 70, Opioid Overdose Drugs, extending Alaska's chief medical officer's ability to issue a standing order prescribing naloxone. The Juneau Reentry Coalition (JREC) supports the passage of this vital piece of legislation.

Naloxone reverses the potentially fatal effect of an opioid overdose. Naloxone is an extremely safe medication that is nonaddictive and is easily carried and administered with a minimal amount of training. These attributes mean an expanded life-saving deployment by first responders, healthcare practitioners, public safety, corrections, and community members so that naloxone is at the ready in the event of an opioid overdose event.

Individuals leaving incarceration that may struggle with addiction and return to using on the streets can be at increased risk of overdose. Naloxone may be the only treatment that could save their life and allow a second chance at successful reentry.

JREC is a collaboration of individuals, community members, and public agencies who support success for all justice-involved Alaskans. Our mission is to promote public safety within the community by identifying and implementing strategies that increase the success of all justice-involved individuals and reduces the likelihood of recidivism.

Thank you for passing SB 70,



Don Habeger
Coalition Coordinator