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The Honorable Senator Joshua Revak  
State Capitol Room 125  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Revak,

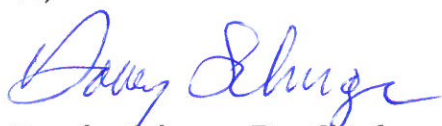
I am writing in support of Senate Bill 21, "An Act relating to mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to duties of the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and mobile intensive care paramedics (MICPs) work side-by-side on our ambulances and on emergency scenes. For many years, the managers of Alaska's emergency medical services have been stymied by duplicative and disparate sets of regulations under two separate regulatory authorities. Currently, EMTs are credentialed by the Emergency Medical Services Unit within DHSS, whereas MICPs are licensed by the State Medical Board.

The EMS Unit is singularly focused on pre-hospital emergency care and is best suited for licensure and administration of MICP services. Co-locating oversight under the EMS Unit would streamline training, certification/licensure, and improve coordination of our EMTs and MICPs. Doing so will be a significant step in improving pre-hospital emergency care in Alaska.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill. Please feel free to call on me if I can assist you in any way.

Vr,



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