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The Honorable Joshua Revak Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol Room 125  
Juneau, AK, 99801  
Senator.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov

Dear Senator Revak:

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill SB-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", which would move the oversight and licensure of Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics (MICP) from the State Medical Board to State EMS Office.

I have been licensed as an Alaskan MICP since 2007. It is my humble opinion that MICPs are currently misaligned in our Alaskan healthcare system and will be better served by the State EMS Office. The following bullet statements are meant to highlight some of the reasons for my opinion.

- The State EMS Office has always been the approval body for initial and refresher paramedic training courses. The Medical Board does not approve education.
- EMS is a young and evolving profession. The State EMS Office understands the current and emerging changes affecting the MICP profession.
- The State EMS Office is the certifying body for every other aspect of prehospital emergency care except for the MICP who are trained as the highest level of prehospital care provider.
  - The State EMS Office certifies:
    - All levels of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
    - Ground ambulances (both ALS and BLS)
    - Medevac Services

Thank you for your time and consideration of SB-173. I believe that if this Bill passes it will go a long way towards improving paramedic level care in our Alaskan communities.

Respectfully,

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Assistant Chief of EMS