

The Honorable Josh Revak,
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801
Via email: Senator.Josh.Revak@akleg.gov

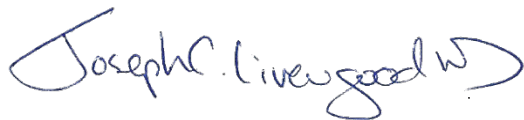
Dear Senator Revak,

Thank you for sponsoring SB 21.

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill SB-21 which would move the oversight and licensure of Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics (MICP) from the State Medical Board to the State EMS Office. The State EMS Office has always been the approval body for initial and refresher paramedic training courses whereas the State Medical Board does not approve paramedic education nor does it have any general or specific expertise in the provision of prehospital care. EMS is a dynamic, vital and evolving facet of the health care system with paramedics representing the highest tier of field provider. The State EMS Office is the certifying body for every other aspect of prehospital emergency care except for paramedics. This includes all levels of EMT, ALS and BLS ground ambulances and medevac services. Paramedics, and the citizens they serve, deserve professional oversight by those who understand the current and emerging changes affecting the system.

Once SB-21 becomes law, it will be a significant step toward improving paramedic level prehospital care in our Alaskan communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph C. Livengood MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "MD" at the end.

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