

April 22, 2021
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
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RE: SB 26 – CON - Oppose

Dear Chair Costello:

On behalf of U.S. Renal Care (USRC) and the 346 Alaskans that receive life- saving dialysis treatments and services from USRC, I write to oppose SB 26 CON. Thoughtful investment and intentional provision of care create a high- quality medical experience for the ESKD patients of Alaska. The ability to plan and execute in a stable market creates a platform for high quality outcomes and unique collaboration between the Nephrology practice and the dialysis provider. Disrupting an environment that has been in place over the time in which USRC has made significant investments has the potential to create great uncertainty for both our patients and our team of Alaskans providing care to them.

The current CON process in Alaska allows for careful investment and stability – with better outcomes for patients. Presently there is no lack of available care for ESKD patients in Alaska's larger communities and local hubs. Creating an open process for competition does not solve a problem and could lead to over building for a very small population in large communities which will ultimately drive providers out of business or out of underserved smaller communities in Alaska.

For these reasons, we oppose SB 26. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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