

## Keith Bauguess

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**From:** GCI - Joan <jstassel@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:41 AM  
**To:** Senate State Affairs  
**Cc:** Keith Bauguess  
**Subject:** Please vote to include physical and occupational therapists in the list of who can write applications for disability placards.

Dear Legislators,

I am a physical therapist and am writing in support of including PTs and OTs in the list of those who can write applications for disability placards. We are licensed professionals who work directly with people regarding their physical limitations. We are as qualified, and often more qualified, as other healthcare providers to assess whether someone is appropriate for and in need of a disability placard.

Since we are often seeing these patients one or more times/week, it is efficient and appropriate for us to do this. It is excessive to require someone to make a special appointment with a physician just for a disability placard—a waste of time and money for the patient and physician.

Please vote to support including PTs and OTs in the list of professionals who can write disability placard applications. It makes good sense all around!

Thank you!

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Sent from my iPad

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**From:** peter zuyus <seniorsofalaska@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 5:19 AM  
**To:** Senate State Affairs; Keith Bauguess  
**Cc:** Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mia Costello; sen.roger.holloway@akleg.gov; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Nona Safra (nonasaf@aol.com); Gordon Glaser & Mary Jo Robinson  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 47

Dear Committee members,

Seniors of Alaska, Inc. fully endorses SB 47 sponsored by Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson. This bill is simple in context, necessary upon reflection and honorable in intent.

The support of our Veterans, Senior Veterans and all Alaskan Veterans with Disabilities is not a partisan issue to be debated. It is a way to show Alaskans and the nation that Alaska respects and supports its Veteran community and its Disabled residents. You will be reducing the time, stress and expense upon those who have served our State and nation with honor.

If in doubt, walk a mile in their shoes. A disability is not chosen, it is by accident, disease or service related. In today's world of well qualified professionals tending to our Veterans, it is only fitting that you take the opportunity to extend the simple ability to secure a disabled parking placard or plate to those who care for our veterans needs.

SB 47 is not partisan, it is an opportunity to display, on behalf of all Alaskans, that we support and honor the service of our veterans.

Again, as Executive Director of Seniors of Alaska, a Senior and a U.S. Navy veteran, I ask that you vote YES on SB 47.

Respectfully submitted,

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Seniors of Alaska, Inc.

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**From:** aleckay@aptaalaska.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 6:00 AM  
**To:** Senate State Affairs; Keith Bauguess  
**Subject:** support SB47

I am writing as an individual to support SB47.

I am a physical therapist from Anchorage and the function of authorizing placards for disabled parking would fall directly in our scope and expertise. We evaluate and treat mobility deficits and assessing gait and endurance is our specialty.

This would make it more efficient for individuals to obtain these without having to see their primary medical provider.

Thank you for accepting my written testimony.

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