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Subject: SB 47

Hello, I would like to voice my support for SB 47, expanding the ability to write disability parking placards to include physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech-language pathologists. As an OT, and the president of the Alaska Occupational Therapy Association, I believe this legislation will make delivery of services to patients more cost effective, timely, and most importantly, beneficial to the patient. Instead of having to make multiple appointments for therapy and a physicians appointment, this will allow us the ability to help these patients in a more timely fashion, while conserving resources like physician appointments which are very hard to obtain at times in rural Alaska. Thank you for your consideration, James R. DeBord, M.S. OTR/L