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March 4, 2022

The Honorable Gary Stevens
State Capitol Room 103
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB 186

Dear Senator Stevens,

I'm writing to you to express my support for SB 186, "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry; and providing for an effective date."

The Board of Examiners in Optometry is essential to the practice of optometry in Alaska.

The Board of Examiners in Optometry helps protect the public by implementing standards that restrict practice to qualified individuals who have met specific qualifications in education and work experience.

The Board of Examiners in Optometry develops the appropriate regulatory changes regarding uniform standards for the practice of optometry.

Thank you for your support of SB 186.

Sincerely,


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Re: SB 186

Dear Senator Stevens,

I am reaching out to you to express my support of SB 186, "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry: and providing for an effective date".

The Board of Examiners in Optometry is vitally important to the practice of optometry in Alaska. The board develops the appropriate regulatory changes regarding uniform standards for the practice of optometry here in Alaska.

The Board of Examiners in Optometry helps protect the public by implementing standards that restrict practice to qualified individuals who have met very specific qualifications in education and work experience.

I thank you for your time and please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of any assistance to you and or your staff.

Sincerely,

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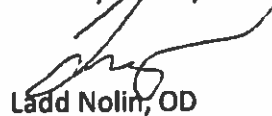
The Honorable Gary Stevens
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March 2, 2022

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I am writing to express my support for SB 186: An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry, and providing for an effective date. The Board of Examiners in Optometry is essential to the practice of optometry in Alaska. It is the official body we look to for official positions and rulings regarding the practice of optometry in the state, and is vital to developing the appropriate regulatory changes regarding uniform standards of optometric practice. The Board is integral in helping protect the public by implementing these standards, which restrict practice to qualified individuals who have met specific qualifications in education, work experience and exams.

Thank you for your consideration,



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The Honorable Gary Stevens

State Capitol Room 103

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I am writing you today to express my support for SB 186, "An act extending the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry; and providing for an effective date."

As a private practice optometrist in Anchorage, I know how essential the Board of Examiners in Optometry is to our state. As a medical profession, we need an entity to help guide our doctors and enforce the high standards of our profession in Alaska. The state of Alaska is the best in the nation to practice optometry and the Board of Examiners in Optometry help to maintain that excellence.

Thank you for your support,



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Dear Senator Stevens,

I am writing in support of SB 186. I am an optometrist practicing in Anchorage and the Board of Examiners in Optometry are essential to my practice. The Board of Examiners in Optometry helps protect the public by implementing standards that restrict the practice to qualified individuals who have met specific qualifications in education, work experience, and exams. The Board of Examiners in Optometry also develops advisory opinions regarding optometric practice procedures such as mandatory PDMP/Opioid education for initial licensure and renewal for current licensees. Thank you for your consideration in this matter which is essential to the practice of optometry in the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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