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The Honorable Click Bishop and the Honorable Bert Stedman Co-Chairs, Alaska Senate Finance Committee Alaska State Capitol, Rooms 516 and 518 Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Letter of Support for HB 111 – Dental Hygienist Advanced Prac Permit

Dear Co-Chairs Bishop and Stedman:

At our last publicly noticed Alaska Board of Dental Examiners meeting held on March 4, 2022, we reviewed HB 111 which has been introduced during this thirty-second legislature by Representatives Spohnholz and Kreiss-Tomkins. The language in HB 111 appears identical to the committee substitute versions of SB 68 and HB 127 that the Board supported in the previous legislature. Therefore, the Board supports HB 111 in its current form as of the date of this letter. We will attempt to have a member of the Board available during committee hearings for questions when able, depending on scheduling.

Best Regards,

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President, Alaska Board of Dental Examiners