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Senators,

Please see testimony prepared for the 9:00am hearing on HB265 schedule for this morning. Due to the change in schedule we are now submitting it in writing due to schedule conflicts.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Dianne,

Thanks again for all your help.

In Alaska healthcare delivery using online platforms is increasingly common, efficient, and has increased patient access to healthcare – for both physical health and mental health issues. As healthcare providers in Alaska struggle to provide access to care for the many unserved, and underserved individuals, video and telepresence are technological advancements that improve access to, and convenience of, care. Patients have come to rely on

telehealth and expect it to remain available. It has proven to be a powerful tool in increasing access to these patients.

We have also seen that tele-health is a great incentive to bring more providers into Alaska, thus resolving some of our workforce limitations.

North Star Behavioral Health is in favor of HB265.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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