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Senator Bjorkman
Senate Labor and Commerce
State Capitol Room 427
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Bjorkman,

We are writing on behalf of the Alaska Nurses Association in support of SB 209, an Act relating to high school graduation requirements and proficiency confirmation tools. Ensuring that young people receive a high-quality education is one of the most important investments we can make in their future and in the strength of our community.

High school is a critical period in students' academic and personal development. During these years, students build the knowledge, skills, and confidence that prepare them for higher education, career pathways, and responsible citizenship. By prioritizing effective teaching strategies, access to rigorous coursework, expanded academic support services, and meaningful career and technical education opportunities, we can help every student reach their full potential.

On behalf of the Alaska Nurses Association, thank you for sponsoring Senate Bill 209. By improving educational outcomes, it requires collaboration among educators, families, administrators, and community partners. I appreciate the work already being done and urge sustained commitment to policies and programs that place student success at the center of decision-making.

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