

March 8, 2011

TO: House Health and Social Services Committee

Chair: Representative Wes Keller

Members:

Representative Dick

Representative Herron

Representative Seaton

Representative Cissna

Representative Miller

Representative Millett

RE: HB 78 Incentives for Certain Medical Providers

I am writing in support of HB 78. Passing this bill would be instrumental in ensuring that rural communities have a hook to attract qualified social workers. More importantly HB 78 provides an incentive for community members to seek continuing education to enhance their ability to become qualified practitioners in their home community. As a board member of the Alaska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, one of our goals is to continue to grow the profession within Alaska, HB 78 would provide one tool to further this goal.

I appreciate the committee's willingness to hear the bill and we look forward to its movement through the political process.

Best Regards,



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