

Representative Herron,

I want to urge you to support HB 78 to create a health care professions loan repayment and incentives program for Alaska. We struggle with access to care though out the state. As a dentist who has spent most of my career in Alaska working in rural communities, I have seen providers come and go. We need to do more to keep providers here and engaged with our communities. Financial incentives and loan repayments would help them to stay. There are a lot of financial benefits to providers working in other states, we need to make Alaska appealing and rewarding. HB 78 could help us meet the needs of our communities.

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