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As Medical Director for a community health center (ANHC) and now Chief Executive for Providence Medical Group, Alaska, I may have recruited more physicians to non-tribal, non-military practice than anyone in the state.

Loan repayment is always a high priority for recruits, and often is the critical difference in a successful recruiting engagement.

This is a problem in primary care, where there are too few trainees graduating, and now increasing competition for them as the nation wakes up to their value.

This is also a problem in urban specialty care, for example, psychiatry and pediatric subspecialties. While urban Anchorage isn't considered "underserved," many of these subspecialists serve the entire state.

Please support HB 78 so that we may compete. Successfully competing for healthcare professionals means serving our citizens at home.

Sincerely,

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