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Senator Matt Claman
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: AHHA Supports SB 28 workplace violence protective orders

Dear Senator Claman,

For 70 years, the Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (AHHA) has served as a non-profit trade association representing Alaska's hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare partners across the continuum of care. AHHA members play an invaluable role, both as community providers and essential employers, in cities, towns, and villages across Alaska.

AHHA is pleased to offer our support for SB28, to establish workplace violence protective orders. Workplace violence is a significant problem at hospitals and healthcare organizations across Alaska and we support a variety of solutions to improve safety in the workplace. We support the efforts of Senate Bill 28 to model the process used by Alaska's domestic violence protective order process and allow an employer to file a petition for a protective order against an individual who the employer reasonably believes committed an act of violence against the employer or an employee, or made a threat of violence at employer's workplace.

AHHA support SB 28 as a way to add one more strategy to the toolkit to impact workplace violence. We urge the passage to give employers another option to protect their workplace and their employees from threats of violence.

Thank you for your support for workforce safety.

Sincerely,



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