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**Representative Justin Ruffridge**  
House Labor & Commerce Committee  
Alaska State Legislature House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

**RE: Support of HB 56**

Dear Representative Ruffridge,

The Alaska Pharmacists Association represents pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, students and pharmacies across the State of Alaska. We support HB 56, an act related to exempting animal prescriptions from the controlled substance prescription database.

As pharmacy professionals, patient safety and ensuring appropriate use of medications is a big concern. However, the current system that requires veterinarians to query and report-controlled substance prescriptions is not an effective tool for addressing the opioid crisis. We join our colleagues at the Board of Pharmacy in voicing our support for this legislation.

Please support this bill in committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandy Seignemartin".

**Brandy Seignemartin, PharmD**  
Executive Director

Cc: Chair Jesse Sumner, Representative Prax, Representative Saddler, Representative Wright, Representative Carrick, Representative Fields