

On Mar 5, 2025, at 10:57 AM, Killian Lozach <klozach@dermpa.org> wrote:



March 5, 2025
Alaska State Capitol Building
5th Ave 3rd Floor,
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for AK SB 89

Dear Alaska State Assembly Members and Senators,

On behalf of the Society of Dermatology Physician Associates (SDPA) and all practicing PAs in Alaska, we write to express our strong support for SB 89, which would update practice guidelines for Physician Associates across the state.

The Society of Dermatology Physician Associates is a 501(c)(6) non-profit professional organization composed of over 5,100 members who are committed to advancing dermatological care through knowledge, advocacy, leadership, and engagement.

Physician Associates are integral to the healthcare system, providing high-quality, patient-centered care in collaboration with physicians and other healthcare professionals. SB 89 would update practice guidelines to include PAs, and therefore increase access to care, promote cost-effectiveness, and enhance patient autonomy and decision-making.

SB 89 reflects the evolving needs of Alaska's healthcare landscape by removing outdated barriers that limit the ability of PAs to serve patients effectively. For dermatology patients, in particular, this bill could mean earlier diagnosis and treatment of conditions ranging from skin cancer to chronic disease, ensuring better outcomes for patients statewide.

On behalf of the Society of Dermatology Physician Associates and all practicing PAs in Alaska we kindly request that you prioritize SB 89 and advance this crucial legislation.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Killian Lozach
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Society of Dermatology Physician Associates