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State of Alaska
Senator Robert Myers
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Dear Senator Myers,

This is a letter of support for SB 99. Thank you for addressing the need we have in Alaska. Senate bill 99 would allow certified public accountants to qualify as a licensed conservator if the individual meets all the other requirements for a conservator license except for the mandatory guardianship certification.

Conservator work aligns with work done by a certified public accountant in the since that certified public accountants have a good understanding of finances. They also have opportunities through continuing education to become experts with matters related to social security and Medicare issues along with a strong since of ethics.

The current law has the same requirements for a guardian as a conservator but if one was a conservator alone the certificate public accountant would have more skills to assist a client/ward with their financial needs than a guardian.

Alaska has an aging population, and we are in need of more conservators to meet their needs. I have held both licenses for over 10 years and the court has asked me on more than one occasion to accept more clients that need conservator assistance. The adult protection agency is overworked and not able to take on more cases. Hopefully if SB99 is adopted more CPA's would be willing to assist in that field.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Regards,



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