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Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
Co-Chair, House Labor & Commerce Standing Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Representative Adam Wool
Co-Chair, House Labor & Commerce Standing Committee
Alaska State Legislature

RE: Board of Nursing Appointments

Dear Representative LeDoux & Wool,

We are writing on behalf of the Alaska Nurses Association (AaNA) to express our concerns regarding Governor Dunleavy's recent appointment of Marisha Dieters to the Board of Nursing.

At the time of Ms. Dieters' appointment, she was a Registered Nurse and met the criteria established in the statute 08.68.010(4). However, on March 13, 2019, Ms. Dieters became licensed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. One important tenant of the State's nursing regulations is the importance of nurses practicing at their highest level of education and licensure. We believe that this same concept is important for the appointment of nurses to seats on the Board of Nursing.

While we applaud Ms. Dieters for her advancement in the nursing profession, unfortunately this means that she no longer meets the criteria for the seat. AaNA strongly believes that it is important that the perspective and concerns of the State's Registered Nurses be represented through two RN designated seats on the Board of Nursing, as laid out in statute. For the Board of Nursing to be in compliance and to ensure the full representation of Registered Nurses, a replacement appointee of a Registered Nurse who meets the criteria will need to be confirmed.

We do thank you for moving these appointments in a timely fashion and working to ensure that Board of Nursing is fully constituted. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Jeremy Hoffman in our office if we can be helpful. Mr. Hoffman can be reached at 907-885-4980 or via email at jeremy@aknurse.org.

Sincerely,

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The Alaska Nurses Association serves to advance and support the profession of nursing. The Alaska Nurses Association's core purpose includes working to improve health standards and promoting access to safe, affordable healthcare services for all Alaskans.

Dear Representatives of the House Labor and Commerce Committee,

Regarding the Board of Nursing appointment of Marisha Dieters.

Marisha became ineligible for the RN position on March 13, 2019 when she was licensed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Boards and Commissions has put forth Wendy Monrad as the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse 08.68.010(3) and Marisha Dieters as one of the RNS 08.68.010(4). Please do not confirm Marisha Dieters to the Board of Nursing since she does not meet the Statute for the RN position since she has advanced her career.

Sincerely,

Beth Farnstrom, RN

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