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To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this letter in support of the appointment of Angela Alston to the State of Alaska Professional Teaching Practices Commission. I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Alston continuously for the past ten years, as a grant partner, a graduate student, and most recently as her direct supervisor in her current position at the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Education. Ms. Alston possess the experiences, knowledge and dispositions necessary to be a valued member of the PTPC and there should be no hesitations in confirming her for the appointment.

Ms. Alston has extensive experience with a multitude of education contexts in Alaska, having lived and taught in rural Alaska for 18 years prior to moving to Fairbanks for her job preparing secondary teachers at the UAF School of Education. Prior to being hired into her current position two years ago, she taught secondary Social Studies and Language Arts for the Bering Strait School District for 18 years and was a respected and well integrated member of the community. Ms. Alston is also a parent of two children in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and a third child that will be entering Kindergarten next year. In addition to her experience in rural Alaska, she has also been involved in understanding urban districts both in Fairbanks and in the Southcentral region, as she works with pre-service teachers across the state and also organizes placements for their field-based experiences.

Ms. Alston has continuously expressed her belief that all students in Alaska deserve good teachers. The Professional Teaching Practices Commission helps ensure that the teachers that work in our state are professional and ethical, and she will without prejudice ensure that state ethical standards are upheld. I recommend her for the role without reservation.

Sincerely,



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March 24, 2025

Senate Education Committee & House Education Committee

Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

I am writing in strong support of Angela Alston's appointment to the Alaska State Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC). I have had the privilege of working alongside and supervising Ms. Alston and can speak firsthand to the depth of experience, integrity, and commitment she brings to education in Alaska.

The mission of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission is to serve as a positive and preventative force that promotes high standards in our profession and ensures the public's right to the best education possible for all of Alaska's students. Angela Alston embodies this mission. She brings a powerful combination of experience, perspective, and values that make her an outstanding appointee to the commission.

Angela has lived and taught in rural Alaska for 18 years, serving communities in Shishmaref and Brevig Mission with passion and distinction. She is now in her second year as a full-time faculty member in the Secondary Education Department in the School of Education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she also supervises student teachers across the state.

She is a parent of three children in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, bringing a family and community perspective to the Commission's work. Her experience across urban and rural settings, from K-12 classrooms to university instruction, gives her a balanced view of the educational landscape in Alaska.

Most importantly, Angela is grounded in a deep belief that *all students in Alaska deserve good teachers*. Her values align with the ethical responsibilities of the PTPC: to protect students and elevate the teaching profession through high standards of professionalism and conduct. I believe her voice will strengthen the Commission's work and help ensure that our educators remain committed to high levels of integrity and care.

I encourage you to confirm Angela Alston's appointment to the Alaska Professional Teaching Practices Commission. Her service will benefit our profession and Alaska's students and families.

Sincerely,

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House Education Committee
Professional Teaching Practices Commission
The Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK

RE: Letter of Support for Angie Alston – Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Nomination

Dear Alaska State Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Angie Alston to serve on the Alaska Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC) as the higher education representative. As the Dean of the School of Education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, I have been deeply invested in the preparation and ongoing professional development of educators across our state. Given Angie Alston's extensive experience and unwavering commitment to the profession, I firmly believe she would be a valuable addition to the Commission.

Angie brings a wealth of knowledge and firsthand knowledge to this role. Having lived and taught in rural Alaska for eighteen years, she possesses a deep understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities facing our schools, educators, and students. Her service as an adjunct faculty member for four years, followed by her current full-time faculty position in the Secondary Education Program at UAF, demonstrates her dedication to developing the next generation of Alaska's teachers. Furthermore, through her work supervising student teachers statewide, Angie actively supports and mentors emerging educators, ensuring that they enter the workforce with the skills and ethical grounding necessary to uphold the highest standards of the profession.

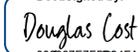
Beyond her professional qualifications, Angie is also a parent with two children currently enrolled in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and a third child preparing to enter kindergarten next year. This personal perspective adds further nuance to informing her commitment to ensuring that all students in Alaska receive the highest quality education possible. She understands that the work of the PTPC is critical in maintaining professional and ethical standards among educators and, in turn, in protecting 1) students and 2) the integrity of our public education system.

Angie is firmly committed to the belief that all students in Alaska deserve high-quality educators and equitable access to resources and learning. The Professional Teaching Practices Commission plays a crucial role in ensuring that the teachers who work with our children are professional and ethical. Her experience, passion, and dedication make her an excellent candidate to serve on the Commission and contribute meaningfully to its mission.

The mission of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission is to serve as a positive and proactive foundation in enhancing the professional performance of all educators so that the public's right to quality education is safeguarded. Angie Alston embodies this mission through her advocacy, leadership, and research agenda. Her voice on the Commission would bring invaluable insight into teacher preparation, rural and urban education, and the real-world experiences of both educators and families navigating Alaska's diverse educational landscapes.

I enthusiastically endorse Angie Alston's nomination and encourage your support of her appointment to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you require any further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dear Selection Committee,

I am pleased to provide this letter of endorsement for Angela Alston's candidacy for a position on the Professional Teaching Practices Commission. I have had the privilege of working with Angela for the past two years in the Department of Secondary Education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where we both serve as faculty members.

Throughout our time working together, I have found Angela to be a thoughtful and engaged colleague. She approaches decision-making with care, asks insightful questions, and listens openly to diverse viewpoints. While she is an eager collaborator, she also remains steadfast in her beliefs when necessary. Her dedication to fostering and supporting high-quality future educators is evident in all that she does.

Angela brings a wealth of experience and a broad perspective on education that would greatly benefit the Commission. In addition to her work as a teacher educator at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, she spent many years as a secondary teacher in rural Alaska. These experiences have given her an understanding of the diverse educational landscapes across the state.

As teacher educators, we engage with a wide range of stakeholders, including students, mentor teachers, administrators, and faculty across institutions. In all of these settings, I have observed Angela's strong interpersonal skills, professionalism, and ability to navigate complex discussions with diplomacy and respect.

Angela's stated motivation for seeking this position stems from her belief that all students in Alaska deserve excellent teachers. To that end, she values the role of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission in ensuring that educators uphold high professional and ethical standards.

I strongly believe Angela would be a valuable asset to the Commission. With her extensive experience in Alaskan education, her strong interpersonal skills, and her commitment to excellence in teaching, she would serve as an effective and dedicated member.

Sincerely,

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Leah Brown, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor, Secondary Education

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