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Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC)

Dear members of the House and Senate Education Committees,

My name is Martin Kiser. I have been educating Secondary students for five years in Alaska and Texas. I have known Patrick Frymark for almost four years. Patrick was on the hiring committee when I was hired at North Pole Middle School. In addition, Patrick served as my mentor for the first two years in the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District (FNSBSD).

After my interview, Patrick reached out to see how I was doing and how the move was coming along, as well as to gauge my interest in a future lesson. I was impressed that Patrick would go out of his way to see how everything was going, but also give me something to think about as my wife and I made the trek through the United States and Canada.

Patrick continued to mentor me, assisting me in developing lesson plans, timelines, lessons, and assignments. This was essential, as my only previous year of experience was as a High School Dual-Credit US History teacher. Not only did Patrick mentor me on the academic part of middle school, but he also guided me as I maneuvered my way with classroom management in a middle school environment. Patrick listened and mentored me as I complained about some of my students' behaviors. He guided my classroom management process and CHAMPS, which I will continue to use in my future endeavors.

Although Patrick left North Pole Middle School, our continued involvement with each other did not end. He still served as my mentor, and we would discuss various aspects of education. We learned from each other and continued to develop friendship and respect for each other. We would even collaborate in revising an 8th-grade end-of-year project. We modified an existing project to align with a Medal of Honor curriculum that our district provided us with as professional development. Although this new end-of-year project is in its infancy, our two schools will continue to use it for the foreseeable future.

Throughout the FNSBSD, Patrick has been well-known as a very influential community member, FEA Union Officer, and respected educator. The middle School's administration designated Patrick to conduct several Professional Development classes for the District's Social Studies Department. Patrick's involvement in the local Educators' Union influenced me to become a Building Representative and a member of the Union's Rights Committee.

In my opinion, Patrick would commit himself to his duties as a member of PTPC as he does with everything else he does within the FNSBSD and the Fairbanks community. Your commission would gain an invaluable member to this commission, and your commission and the state of Alaska would only improve with Patrick's involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin L. Kiser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martin" and last name "Kiser" clearly distinguishable.

Martin L. Kiser