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The Honorable Senator Hughes
Alaska Senate
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: SB 32: An Act relating to biologic products

Thank you for the meeting with your staff on February 28th. Your staff clarified some important points within SB32, including:

- 1) The requirements for communicating a dispensed biological interchange to the prescriber within three business days by an entry that is electronically accessible by the prescriber through
 - a. an interoperable electronic medical records system;
 - b. an electronic prescribing technology;
 - c. a pharmacy benefit management system; or
 - d. a pharmacy record.
- 2) A pharmacist incurs "no greater liability in filling the prescription than would be incurred in filling the prescription by dispensing the prescribed name brand product."
- 3) The dispensing pharmacist or the pharmacist's designee is not required to communicate the dispensing information "if the dispensed biological product is a refill of a prescription and is the same as the biological product that was dispensed on the previous filling of the prescription."
- 4) "Entry into an electronic records system is presumed to provide notice to the prescribing practitioner."

Based on the clarifying facts above The Alaska Board of Pharmacy unanimously voted on March 1st to **support** SB32. Thank you for allowing the board to clarify our initial concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Holt".

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Chair, Alaska Board of Pharmacy

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