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I would like to ask your committee to carefully consider the details of SB89. While I believe we need to increase our medical workforce here in Alaska, I believe that the details of the bill as written do not provide enough provisions to protect the health and safety of Alaska residents. PA's have many hours of formal training and gain even more in specialty areas during their years of working under the supervision of licensed doctors, but on the job training in specialties that involve surgery and other invasive procedures may not always be enough to assure that each person reaches a level of competency that doctors have in their specialty training.

PA's working in Primary Care, as Nurse Practitioners do, would help to increase access to Primary Care, especially for seniors and in underserved areas of our state, but working in specialty areas unsupervised is not a sound solution to increasing availability of health care services in our state.

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