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From: Rachel Reinhardt [<mailto:rachel.reinhardt@gmail.com>]
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Subject:

Dear Senator Mackinnon,

On behalf of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and its worldwide membership of over 17,000 ophthalmologists, I urge you to vote NO on SB 55. This bill leaves gaping loopholes that would allow optometrists to do hundreds of delicate surgeries on and around the eye despite not having a medical or surgical education. If passed, Alaska would be only one of five states that have allowed such radical legislation. This issue deserves more careful attention and Alaskans deserve the highest standard of safety.

Protect Alaskans by voting NO on SB 55.

Sincerely,
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