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April 17, 2025 Alaska State Senate Alaska State House of Representatives Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Statement of Opposition – SB 147 & HB 195, Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority

Dear Members of the Legislature,

Senate Bill 147 would effectively expand the prescriptive authority of pharmacists to prescribe and administer any medications, including controlled substances and abortion medications.

The authority to broadly prescribe any medication would mean pharmacists would have the ability to diagnose and therefore treat any medical condition. The diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions is the practice of medicine. The State Medical Board opposes pharmacists being granted the ability to practice medicine in Alaska.

The Alaska State Medical Board strongly urges you to vote against SB 147 and HB 195.

Sincerely,

Brent Ta Chair