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I as a genetic counseling provider at the Alaska Native Medical Center am writing to express my support efforts that will improve access to quality healthcare services such as genetic counseling services in Alaska. Increasing access to quality specialty care is a strong value for the customer-owners in the ANMC system. I fully support efforts to secure licensure for genetic counselors in Alaska as means towards this end.

Medical genetics is a rapidly evolving field that has experienced tremendous growth in recent years. Medical genetics professionals have an increasing essential and impactful role in many areas of both primary and specialty health care. Correspondingly, the importance of providing quality genetic counseling services is evermore important, since consumers (both providers and patients) are increasingly making healthcare decisions based upon genetic risk factors and results of a variety of genetic tests.

Genetic counselors are Master's degree trained health care professionals who provide consumers with information, education, counseling, advocacy and psychological support for medical conditions that are either entirely or partially determined by genetic factors. Licensure for genetic counselors is critical to ensure that providers of genetic counseling services have appropriate training and credentials so that individuals receive proper information and care. Licensure regulations are important guidelines that allow genetic counselors to practice at the top of their scope, and allow for distinction between well-trained genetic counseling professionals and less experienced non-genetics providers.

Currently, there is no legal specification in Alaska for who may use the title of Genetic Counselor. Licensure for genetic counselors is an important mechanism by which consumers of genetic counseling services can identify appropriately qualified providers and receive quality care.

As a constituent, provider, and resident of the great state of Alaska, I urge you support and champion legislation for genetic counselor licensure.

Sincerely yours,

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