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Dear Legislators,

Please support SB 55.

This bill updates the Alaska Optometry statutes, making it similar to the dental and nurse practitioner statutes, whereas the board determines the regulatory details of practice. It places the details of the continuing education requirements back into regulation. Current regulations already require 36 hours per license period. SB 55 leaves the details of the current pharmaceutical prescribing authority up to the board through regulation, which is more consistent with other prescribing professions in our state.

SB 55 re-writes the optometry definition which is currently over 40 years old. As a recent graduate, I have been exposed to diagnostic techniques and treatment options that have been established in other states. I believe SB 55 will allow our state the flexibility it needs to ensure the protection of the public while defining the exclusions in invasive surgery. SB 55 will be best for the future of the Alaskan field of Optometry.

Sincerely,

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