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Re: HB 289 and SB 168

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DEAR MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE:

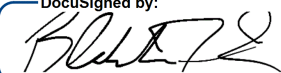
I would like to state my support of the restructuring of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers as represented in HB 289 and SB 168.

It is my belief that the Board will be stronger by adding a seventh voting member represented by the Nail Technician industry. This is both fair to a large number of state license holders practicing manicuring and will create an odd number of board members, which is best practice board structure.

Additionally, the current Board is not in line with the equity representation of the licensees. With only 151 Barbers licensed in Alaska, it is imbalanced to have two of the seven board seats dedicated to barbers. I agree that one of the board seats should be opened up to any licensee overseen by the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers.

I appreciate your dedication to Alaska and your support of the proper structuring of Boards and Commissions.

Sincerely,

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