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Senators Kelly and MacKinnon,
Thank you for your service to our great State.

I am writing to express my hope that SB 55 stays in committee in order for more time to be taken to look at the language of the bill.

The committee substitute that has come to Finance has definition of surgery; I believe such definition should come from surgeons. Surgeons have not only completed medical school, but have also completed residency and frequently further education in a specialty. While I love my dentist, I would not approach her for oral surgery, nor would I want my chiropractor to perform back surgery on me.

As the legislature grapples with many statutes, I don't think defining medical procedures should be one of them.

I am concerned with Senator Giessel's double standard. She noted that an optometrist would NOT penetrate the globe of the eye in a procedure, then went on to state that an optometrist should be able to remove a fish hook from an eye. That somehow in an "emergency" (while frightening, a fishhook in the eye is not life threatening), an OD has the training to perform surgery that they wouldn't normally perform.

My hope is that the Senate Finance Committee takes further time to look at the language in the bill and does not find themselves pressured to push any bill through the committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration. And again, thank you for your service.
Holly Morris

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