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Senator Cathy Giessel  
State Capitol Room 427  
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Dear Senator Giessel,

I thank you for your support of and sponsorship of Senate Bill No. 71. With Alaska on the low end of the scale for flu vaccinations for the citizens of the state (we were 49th in 2012), this bill will help to further increase vaccination rates within the state.

Most pharmacists are trained to administer vaccines and serve as a resource on vaccine administration and schedules. Immunization certification is now a part of pharmacy school curricula. Pharmacists are educated and trained professionals that have access to a large segment of the population including rural areas of the state. By eliminating the collaborative practice requirement we have eliminated one more obstacle to making vaccinations readily available to all Alaskans from all areas of the State.

I thank you for helping Pharmacists provide a cost-effective means of vaccine delivery that will help increase healthcare and at the same time help lower overall healthcare costs.

Sincerely,

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