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Hello,

My name is Heather Zimmerman. I am a nineteen year resident of Talkeetna, Alaska. I have been a dog musher since 1995.

Veterinary medicine is much needed in rural Alaska. The distance to a veterinarian for me is 1 hour away. This can mean life or death for an animal.

Veterinary medicine for animals should come far before economic interests everywhere. That goes for human medicine too. I support a rural non veterinarian to be on the State Veterinary Board. I believe they will better represent the whole rural population rather than a person already in the industry.

I feel one public member from a road system rural town and one from a village not on the road system would create a more comprehensive and diverse group to represent the veterinary needs of rural Alaska.

Please don't let red tape take away from delivering veterinary care in rural Alaska.

Sincerely,

Heather Zimmerman
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