

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Nhan Tran <eyedocnhan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 7:21 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** SB 36

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Dear Senator,

The optometry board should have the authority to regulate its practice the same as the other prescribing health professions such as dentistry, medicine and nursing.

Optometrists should be able to practice within the full scope of our training and education.

Kindly Yours,

Nhan "Nan" Tran, O.D.  
Optometrist  
Owner & Director  
Nova Eyecare Center  
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Yes

**From:** Steven Dobson <stevendobsonod@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 7:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof  
**Subject:** Support SB 36

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Dear Senators

I am an optometric physician and life long Alaskan who has practiced here in Alaska since 1982 and I respectfully request your support of SB 36.

SB 36 does not authorize doctors of optometry to do any procedures, it only allows the board of optometry to regulate the profession for the safety and welfare of the Alaskan public. This is in line with other prescribing professions.

SB 36 clearly states the state board of optometry cannot authorize optometrists to do anything beyond their scope of education and training.

SB 36 will allow Alaskans throughout our state to continue to receive the highest level of optometric eye care services as advancements are made in eye care knowledge, training and technology.

Once again, I thank you and appreciate your support of SB 36.

Steve Dobson, O.D.  
Immediate Past President, Alaska Optometric Association

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Yes

**From:** Larry Coon <lcoon@eyeclinicfbks.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2017 7:15 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 36

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Please support Senate Bill 36, Which would give the optometry board the authority to regulate its practice the same as other health professions such as dentistry, medicine and nursing. Thank you for your support.  
Sincerely Larry D. Coon O.D.

**Jody Simpson**

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yes

**From:** Jeff Gonnason <drjeffg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 9:12 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Tom Begich  
**Subject:** Please Support SB 36 - Optometry

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Dear Senators:

I strongly support SB 36, updating the Alaska Optometry Statutes.

I was the first Alaska Native doctor of optometry, born and raised in Ketchikan, and licensed in Alaska for 40 years. I have twice served as a member and Chair of the State Optometry Board under two different governors, and Past President of the Alaska Optometric Association. I also spent 22 years representing Alaska for the American Optometric Association, and as a member of the Alaska Health Fair Advisory Board.

I currently practice in Anchorage but also performed Bush clinics and volunteered at the Alaska Native Medical Center and Southcentral Foundation in my younger days. I will be presenting more detailed testimony at the next committee hearing.

Thank you for your time and attention for SB 36.  
Jeff Gonnason

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**From:** Lynn <lynncoon@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 6:05 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** SB 36

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Dear Senator Wilson,

I am a practicing optometrist in Wasilla and have seen many changes in our profession since I graduated from Pacific University College of Optometry in 1972. Current Alaska optometric statues and regulations are antiquated in terms of the scope of education and training of today's optometrist. The optometry board is the proper seat of authority to regulate the practice of optometry, the same as the other prescribing health care professions of medicine, dentistry, and nursing. The board should determine the full scope of optometric practice as defined by our training and education.

Please support SB 36 when it appears in Senate HSS this Friday. If I can be of further help, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Lynn j. Coon

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**From:** Patrick Reber <pnreber@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof  
**Subject:** Please support SB 36

Senators,

I ask you to please support SB 36. The Alaska Optometry Board should have the authority to regulate its profession just as other health professions such as medicine and nursing and dentistry.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Patrick Reber O.D.

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**From:** Andrew Peter O.D. <homereyecare@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** SB36

Greetings David,

Upcoming this week you will hear details on SB 36. I ask that you support this bill.

Technology in medicine is changing at an ever increasing rate; statistics show rates of change are almost exponential. These changes in medicine include imaging, medicine, and pathology diagnosis. For example our office uses retinal imaging and scanning that only a few years ago was only in academic institutions. We are now diagnosing and treating conditions years sooner. This makes a difference in the lives of patients.

Thus, as change continues, I want access to the best in technology and medicines for my patients. It is only right that optometry be regulated like every other medical profession, and allow our board to regulate and allow us as doctors to be nimble with emerging technologies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me on my mobile; 907.299.6520.

Andrew Peter O.D.

Homer Eyecare

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**From:** Lauren Hazelton <hazelton.lauren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Tom Begich  
**Subject:** SB36

Dear Senators,

I am a lifelong second generation Alaskan and second generation optometrist in Anchorage.

SB 36 allows the Alaska Board of Optometry to regulate optometry the same as the other prescribing professions, without having to return for legislation for new technology and delaying quality care for Alaskans.

As a new graduate, this bill would allow the board to recognize my education and training and allow me to provide the best care for my patients. As stated in SB 36, the board would never allow optometrists to provide care outside of their scope of education and training.

Thank you for your support of SB36.

Lauren Hazelton OD



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**From:** Rebecca Wilbur <rebecca.susie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Tom Begich  
**Subject:** SB 36

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Dr. Rebecca Wilbur  
Optometrist, Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jim Falconer <dr\_jim\_jr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 11:11 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Cathy Giessel  
**Subject:** Please Support SB 36

Dear Senator,

I am writing to request your support for SB 36 which will give the state's Optometry Board legitimate authority to determine what the scope of optometry should be in Alaska. Optometry has a very good track record in Alaska and I can assure you that as a profession we will act responsibly for the citizens of Alaska. We know it will be best for our profession and our patients to do so.

-Jim Falconer, OD

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**From:** sitka vision clinic <sitkavision@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 9:46 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** SB36

Dear Senator Wilson,

I am a private practice optometrist in Sitka Alaska , and would like to request your support of Optometry SB36.

Thank you for support

Sincerely,

Wayne HagermanOD