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From: Dr. Laura Kompkoff <drk@katmaieye.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 5:45 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Tom Begich
Subject: SB36

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- 1) A profession governed by those who are best suited to know our scope of practice with the state Attorney General's office oversight.
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The legislative body must look at our conservative primary care profession and know that we are making beneficial health decisions and changes for the best healthcare of all Alaskans.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will make the right decision for Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Laura Kompkoff, O.D.

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From: Adam Huff <adamhuff@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 3:17 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: Please support SB 36!

Dear Senator Wilson,

I am writing to ask for support for SB 36 in the next session. I am the owner of Northern Lights Eye Care in Anchorage, and have been practicing and living in Anchorage for almost 9 years. This bill will place decisions regarding our scope of practice as Optometrists in the hands of the State Board of Optometry, just as most other medical professions have done for years. Other professions such as Dentists, Nurse Practitioners, and Medical Doctors are self-regulated by their own boards, and this has benefited both their professions and the general public as they are able to more quickly access new treatments and procedures that benefit patients. Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

Adam Huff, O.D.
Northern Lights Eye Care

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From: William Phillips <WPhillips@kenaitze.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: SB 36

Hello. I am asking for your support of SB 36

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.

Will Phillips OD

Optometry

Kenai, AK

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From: Shannon Farr <sfarr@searhc.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: Senate Bill 36: please support

Dear Senator Wilson,

I writing to ask for your support regarding Senate Bill 36. I am a Commissioned Officer in the United States Public Health Service and have had the privilege of working with the Indian Health Service for over twenty years. Nineteen years of my career has been dedicated to coordinating and managing eye care for Alaska Native patients in the Bethel, Nome, and Southeast Alaska regions. The majority of my patients live remotely and Indian Health Service optometrists are continually providing comprehensive eye care, which includes co-management with the Alaska Native Medical Center ophthalmology department.

Indian Health Service optometrists practice within the full scope of our training and education. This allows us to manage and treat ocular disease at our local service unit.

My colleagues and I refer patients for ophthalmic surgery.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: Patrick Campaign <campaign@oculogenesis.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 9:57 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Please support SB 36, thanks!

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Salutations, Senator Wilson and Senator Micciche.

I humbly request for you to support SB 36 tomorrow. Considering how most every medical professional including nurses and dentists have the capacity to self-regulate and self-govern, I would like the knowledge that my eye doctor has that capacity, too. When he doesn't, it is concerning that they must work harder just for the same rights as their peers, effectively like Washington DC must get local laws passed through Congress since they are not a state themselves.

Allow proper health care to happen by cutting the red tape. This will save state legislative time and money for long term benefit. Let that profession operate like how forty other states allow.

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To: Sen. David Wilson; Senator.Natasha.vonimof@akleg.gov; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Tom Begich
Subject: Please vote for SB36

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It only makes sense...

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To: Sen. David Wilson
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As you saw, "concessions" do not satisfy the oppositions which strangely only comes from one medical profession. **The legislative body has to look at our conservative primary care profession and know that we are making beneficial health decisions in lieu of what is best for the healthcare of Alaskans.** Sight is precious and it affects our everyday lives (just close your eyes for one minute), we probably know that better than all other healthcare professionals with the exception of Ophthalmologists.

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