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Dear Senator Giessel:

Thank you for sponsoring Senate Bill 36 *Extending the Termination Date of the Board of Nursing* which proposes to extend the Alaska Board of Nursing to June 30, 2025.

The Alaska Nursing Action Coalition (ANAC) supports SB 36. We appreciate the review of the Alaska State Board of Nursing by the Division of Legislative Audit and concur with the auditor's conclusion that the board serves the public interest, and that it should be extended.

Alaska's State Board of Nursing is critical to the regulatory infrastructure of our State's Certified Nurse Aides (CAN), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Registered Nurses (RN), and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN). Membership on the Board of Nursing should represent a cross section of those who are regulated as well as members of the public and professional nurse educators. Doing so ensures that regulations reflect current national standards of nurse practice, and that said regulations are developed based on the most current science and best practice of the profession and of healthcare.

Alaska's Board has worked in a transparent fashion making their meeting agendas easily accessible to the public, the public they help protect. This diligence helps ensure the public's confidence in the nursing profession and the delivery of healthcare in our State.

We urge passage of SB36 and would welcome any questions you might have. Thank you Senator Giessel for your leadership on nursing and healthcare issues in our great state of Alaska.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia O. Booker".

(Leader Alaska Nursing Action Coalition)