

The Honorable Josh Revak,
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Revak,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill SB-21 which would move the oversight and licensure of Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics (MICP) from the State Medical Board to State EMS Office.

I have been licensed as an Alaskan MICP since 1998 and will be relicensing for the 10th time this coming December. It is my humble opinion that MICPs are currently misaligned in the in our Alaskan healthcare system and will be better served by the State EMS Office. The following bullet statements are meant to highlight some of the reasons for my opinion.

- The State EMS Office has always been the approval body for initial and refresher paramedic training courses. The Medical Board does not approve education.
- EMS is a young and evolving profession. The State EMS Office understands the current and emerging changes affecting the MICP profession.
- The State EMS Office is the certifying body for every other aspect of prehospital emergency care except for the MICP who are trained as the highest level of prehospital care provider.
 - The State EMS Office certifies:
 - All levels of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
 - Ground ambulances (both ALS and BLS)
 - Medevac Services

I would also like to take this opportunity to say, “THANK YOU!” for being an advocate for my profession. Once SB-21 becomes law, it will be a fresh step toward improving paramedic level prehospital care in our Alaskan communities.

Respectfully,



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