

The Honorable Senator Josh Revak
State Senate State Capitol, Room 125
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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 a Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic in the State of Alaska since 2003. As you know, we live and work in the best state in the Union, and I appreciate your attention to this issue.

For many years I have been responsible for facilitating re-licensure and re-certification of Matanuska-Susitna's paramedics and EMTs. As you know, having the paramedics under one scope of control and the EMTs under another has been problematic. Verifying education and card certifications, communicating with different agencies, and following different procedures has required a specific level of expertise that is unnecessary. And causes unnecessary delay in certification as well as additional administration time to facilitate. This is further complicated by those who wish to maintain both an EMT certification and a MICP license.

As a provider, the Medical Board appears to be disconnected from what is current and what the issues are with pre-hospital paramedicine. The State EMS Office are the ones who we communicate with about ongoing education and issues that need to be addressed for patient care. With all paramedics needing to have a Physician Sponsor, and with Dr. Levy guiding the State EMS, there is plenty of Physician oversight already in place.

Thank you for your support in this issue. It may seem like a minor thing, but it really will make a change to facilitate better function of EMS in Alaska.



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