

Alaska Chiropractic Society

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Senator David Wilson, Chairman Senate Health & Social Services Committee Alaska State Senate State Capital Room 121 Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 65 "An Act relating to immunity for consulting physician, podiatrists, osteopaths, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, dentists, optometrists and pharmacists."

Dear Senator Wilson:

The Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS) is a professional organization of chiropractic physicians. Our mission is to improve the health of the public through excellence in education for both our chiropractic physicians and staff, and to educate Alaskans about how to be healthier through activity and full body function.

We are writing to express our support for SB65, and to ask that chiropractic physicians be added to the list of providers in the bill. Their training and expertise are called upon with increasing regularity in emergency situations and from remote locations. Senate Bill 65 addresses this situation in which many providers are finding themselves, and wisely gives them the necessary protection for "curbside" consults, thereby increasing access to resources to Alaskans in need. By broadening the scope of the bill to include chiropractic physicians more of our fellow Alaskans will have access to medical expertise. We believe this would be a good thing and hope you will agree.

We appreciate your time and are available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Todd Curzie, D.C.

President

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cc: Senator Jesse Kiehl