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Hello House & Senate Health and Social Service Committees:

My name is Dylan Stuart and I have been a nurse for 5 years. I started here in Juneau, working at Bartlett Regional before moving to Washington to pursue big hospital experience. I worked at the first hospital in America to have Covid in January 2020. Since then I have become a travel nurse, helping in the covid surges on the west coast this last winter.

As a travel nurse, I have seen how hospitals use us to fill the gaps in staffing caused by this pandemic. It is not a perfect solution, but it is one of the only current solutions hospitals have to fill the gaps and provide adequate staffing and care.

I have spent the summer in Juneau and am surprised to see that Bartlett is so understaffed. They are having a difficult time recruiting nurses & travel nurses in the state.

Joining the nursing compact would allow for Alaska to pull from a greater pool of nurses, nurses who otherwise would not go through the cumbersome process of obtaining a AK State nursing license for a 3 month contract.

I am surprised to see the Alaska Nursing Association be against this bill when a 2019 survey of Alaskan nurses suggested as many as 89%(!!!!) are in favor of us joining.

Please let me know what I can do to further this cause, I am able to testify or further explain why this would be a good idea for Alaska.

Thanks,
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