

TO: Alaska House Labor & Commerce Committee

FROM: Lena Martinez Lafferty
Appointment to Board of Nursing – RN Representative

SUBJECT: Personal Letter of introduction for 2022 confirmation hearing

DATE: April 4, 2022

Greetings,

Governor Dunleavy has reappointed me to the Registered Nurse (RN) position on the Alaska Board of Nursing (BON). I was renominated last October to the board, and I have come to appreciate the ability of the current Board members to work together and get things done. In my opinion, this board has made great strides in keeping nursing practices updated, while ensuring safe nursing practices in Alaska, especially during the COVID pandemic.

I am a Licensed Registered Nurse employed in Anchorage with Providence Alaska and have been an RN for eight years. I have been an Alaska resident since 2006. Before becoming an RN I served in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman and left active duty after ten years to accompany my active duty Marine husband. Initially, I worked at Providence Transitional Care Center until being selected for an Operating Room Fellowship with the main hospital here in Anchorage. I have been an Operating Room Nurse for two and a half years.

I am very honored to be reconsidered for this position and, upon reconfirmation by your committee, will advocate for the interests of the people of Alaska. I am fully committed to the BON mission and will *“actively promote and protect the health of the citizens of Alaska through the safe and effective practice of nursing as defined by law.”*

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you by phone during today’s hearing. Please feel free to contact me if you have specific questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lena M Lafferty, RN BSN

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