

February 10, 2022

Representative Andi Story
Co-Chair House Education Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date

Dear Representative Story,

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Please accept this letter as support for HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany L. Keener". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Brittany L. Keener, PharmD, MPH, BCPS
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February 11, 2022

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Co-Chair House Education Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau Alaska 99801

RE: HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date.

Dear Representative Story,

As a pharmacist who has been licensed in Alaska for over 50 years, I am writing in support of HB 306 which will extend the Board of Pharmacy. The recent July audit concluded that the Board “served the public’s interest by effectively conducting its meetings and actively amending regulations”.

Before I retired, I worked as a community pharmacist in Fairbanks and served several terms on the Board of Pharmacy. I learned firsthand how important it is that the Board regulate the practice of pharmacy in Alaska, and, it was during my last term as a Board member (2004-2006) that the regulation project establishing the Controlled Substances Prescription Database (CSPD) was begun. Despite the need for coordination and resources to improve the CSPD, this program is working.

Sincerely,

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February 13, 2022

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Graziano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Courtney Graziano, PharmD, MBA, BCPS
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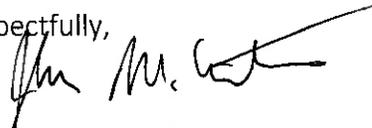
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Respectfully,



John McEntee RPh
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February 14, 2022

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Alaska State Capitol
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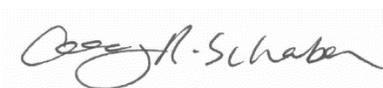
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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Schaber". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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Re: HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date

Dear Representative Story,

As representation of nearly 200 pharmacists in Alaska, we are writing in support of HB 306. A recent (July 2021) audit concluded the Board of Pharmacy serves the public interest by effectively conducting its meetings and actively amending regulations. The Board of Pharmacy controls and regulates the practice of pharmacy in Alaska, and is necessary to promote, preserve, and protect the public's health, safety, and welfare.

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Respectfully,

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AKPhA President Elect 2022-2023

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February 16, 2022

Representative Andi Story

Co-Chair House Education Committee

Alaska State Capitol

Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date

Dear Representative Story,

Thank you for sponsoring HB 306 which will extend the existence of the Alaska Board of Pharmacy. As indicated in our letterhead, our community pharmacy has been serving patients in southern Southeast Alaska for over 48 years. We rely on a functioning Board of Pharmacy for licensure to meet insurance requirements to serve our patients. Additionally the Board of Pharmacy serves in an important role in ensuring the healthy well-being of Alaskans across the state.

Please accept this letter as support for HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date.

Respectfully,

Barry D. Christensen, RPh

Owner

From: Dirk White
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:35 PM
To: representative.andi.story@akleg.gov
Subject: HB 306

Dear Representative Story,

My wife Trish, son Soren, and myself, all pharmacists practicing in our community pharmacies in Sitka would like to add our support for HB 306 to extend the Alaska Board of Pharmacy.

Trish and I, as past Board of Pharmacy members, are acutely aware of the importance of our professional board and the oversight of the practice of pharmacy in the state, as well as control of the Prescription Drug Monitoring database. The citizens of Alaska deserve the protection of the Board of Pharmacy, to protect their health and well-being from rouge pharmacists, that might lead to patients having medical misadventures and ending in the emergency room, hospitalized, or even worse.

The Board of Pharmacy is essential to the best practices in the profession as well as ensuring that the practice of Pharmacy improves and expands in a safe and peer reviewed manner. Without this oversight the whole practice of pharmacy could go off the rails and cause more problems for the health of the Alaskan community. The Board will continue to improve the practice of pharmacy and the benefits that the citizens will be able to access.

As practicing pharmacists for 35 and 40 years, we expect to see a Board of Pharmacy to help guide the next generation of pharmacists like our son and his pharmacist fiancée through their professional careers.

Thank you,

Trish, Soren, and Dirk White

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February 17, 2022

Representative Andi Story
Co-Chair House Education Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date

Dear Representative Story:

I have been a pharmacist in Alaska for many years. I graduated from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. I owned and operated TKO Pharmacy in Wasilla.

I am writing in *support* of HB 306. A recent (July 2021) audit concluded the Board of Pharmacy serves the public interest by effectively conducting its meeting and actively amending regulations. The Board of Pharmacy controls and regulates the practice of pharmacy in Alaska, and is necessary to promote, preserve, and protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

This is a letter of *support* for HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date.

Respectfully,

Douglas Bartko RPh
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February 18,2022

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Co-Chair House Education Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date

Dear Representative Story,

As the former Regional Director of Government Affairs for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), I am writing in support of HB 306. A recent (July 2021) audit concluded the Board of Pharmacy serves the public interest by effectively conducting its meetings and actively amending regulations. The Board of Pharmacy controls and regulates the practice of pharmacy in Alaska, and is necessary to promote, preserve, and protect the public's health, safety, and welfare.

I have had the opportunity to work with the Board over the past 15 years and have found the members to be very focused on their directive to preserve patient health and safety.

Please accept this letter as support for HB 306 an act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date.

Respectfully,

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February 25, 2022

The Honorable Andi Story
Alaska State House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol Room 403
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for HB 306: Extend Board of Pharmacy

Dear Representative Story,

The Board of Pharmacy ("board") thanks you for your sponsorship of House Bill 306 to extend our regulatory body through June 30, 2028. Supporting this bill in turn supports our purpose to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare through the effective control of the practice of pharmacy. Since its last sunset bill, board actively took on several regulation projects in an ongoing effort to improve the practice of pharmacy and patient outcomes in the state, including:

- Implementing regulations for third-party logistics providers, outsourcing facilities, and third-party logistics providers to improve the safety of the drug supply chain.
- Expanding workforce capacity by creating new regulations and duties for pharmacy technicians who hold a national certification.
- Expanding the limitation on prescription supply days to ensure patients have an adequate supply of medication.
- Emergency regulations filed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing expanded shared pharmacy services functions and temporary pharmacy relocations without requiring a separate license, promoting continuation of medication therapy, and providing support to licensees on PREP Act inquiries.

The board also has several regulations projects pending, including:

- Military and emergency permits.
- Additional regulations related to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

Additionally, the pharmacy profession should continue to be regulated so the board can:

- Benefit Alaskans by promulgating regulations and enforcing regulations for operating pharmacies.
- Administer the PDMP regarding access to dispensing of controlled substances.
- Ensure the practice of pharmacy complies within state law.
- Participate in investigative matters to protect the profession and public.
- Participate in national association activities and collaborate with other state boards.
- Review state exam items regularly and ensure competent applicants can pass them to qualify for licensure.
- Ensure patients have safe and efficient access to medications.
- Ensure the practice of pharmacy is collaborative and cohesive.

Regulating the practice of pharmacy is integral to the safe and secure distribution of medication to patients in Alaska and is essential to contributing to a healthy economy. Passage of this bill will allow the board to continue advancing the profession and protecting consumers in Alaska.

Thank you,


Justin Ruffridge, PharmD (Chair)
Alaska Board of Pharmacy