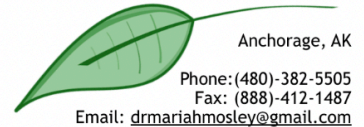


Dr. Mariah Mosley, NMD



February 19th, 2023

To: Senator Cathy Giessel

RE: Support of SB 44

My name is Dr. Mariah Mosley, and I am writing to urge you for support of Senate Bill 44 (SB 44). This bill will update the current scope of practice for licensed naturopathic doctors in Alaska, which will be extremely beneficial to both Alaskans and our overwhelmed healthcare system. This bill supports a more accurate representative of the education of naturopathic doctors, and allows them to practice how they were trained.

Before my family moved to Alaska, I practiced in southern Arizona- in a small family medicine practice where we saw multiple generations of families. From children presenting with acute otitis media (ear infections) and needing to have an antibiotic prescribed, to the young woman requesting oral contraceptives (birth control) to avoid pregnancy before her and her partner are ready, to the farmer who cut his hand while working and needs a few stitches, to the middle aged woman who had her thyroid removed and needs to be prescribed and take thyroid hormone for the rest of her life, I was able to practice good, safe medicine and prescribe when needed, the necessary pharmaceuticals. Here in Alaska, those same patients would have to go to me, and then afterwards make an appointment to go to another facility to obtain the prescription or minor office procedure. This is more time consuming for both the patient and for Alaska's healthcare system, which already has a doctor shortage.

The changes proposed in SB 44 will support Alaska's healthcare system by allowing naturopathic doctors to practice how they were trained, and give the public more options and greater access to affordable care. It will also encourage more providers to move to Alaska with expansion of the scope of practice, and that will relieve even more of the strain on our current healthcare system.

Thank you in advance for your support of SB 44, and for taking the step towards even better healthcare in our beautiful, well-loved state.

Respectfully,

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