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The Honorable Representative Prax
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 108
Juneau, Alaska 99801
Representative.Mike.Prax@akleg.gov

Re: HB 96 – Licensing: Drugs/Devices for Home Dialysis – Letter of Opposition

Dear Representative Prax,

The Board of Pharmacy (“board”) is submitting its position on HB 96, an Act relating to licensing and registration requirements for certain wholesale drug distributors; and providing for an effective date. During its March 20, 2023, meeting, the board discussed HB 96 and voted to oppose it for the following reasons:

- The guidance provided in the proposed changes to AS 08.80.157(h)7(A) is too broad.
- Elimination of the physical pharmacist check that would happen as a result of this legislation opens up opportunities for medication errors and adverse events that could severely harm patients.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Schaber".

Ashley Schaber, PharmD, MBA, BCPS (Chair)
Alaska Board of Pharmacy