



Senator Giessel

Alaska State Capitol

Juneau, Alaska 99801

March 8, 2023

Dear Senator Giessel,

Trish and I have been pharmacists here in Sitka for 38 years and have both served on the Alaska Board of Pharmacy. We strongly support the passage of SB 94.

We both have seen the many changes in pharmacy practices over the years and at times the Alaska statutes and regulations do not keep up with our practice standards in state and nationally. This legislation will clean up those statutes and regulations so that pharmacists will be able to provide more and better healthcare to our communities. Like the 6,200 flu and COVID vaccinations we did last year here in Sitka.

The Board of Pharmacy through statute and regulation ensures the practice of pharmacy in the state is safe and of benefit to the citizens of Alaska. To continue to provide the best quality health care for our communities the statutes need to be updated. That is what this legislation will do. As the pharmacy practice has grown in the last 4 decades we have seen a good deal of the pharmacy workload shifting to the pharmacy Technician. Since they are a licensed persons under the Board, then they should have some representation on the Board. This legislation will address this issue and add a Technician to the Board. There have been many national changes to the practice of pharmacy that the State needs to comply with and this legislation will allow the Board to promulgate the correct regulations to ensure that Alaska follows the new Federal regulation and legislation.

For the benefit of better health for the citizens of Alaska we implore the legislature to move this legislation forward and on to the Governor for signature.

Please let us know if there are questions about this legislation and if we can help in any manner to move this legislation forward.

Sincerely,

Trish and Dirk White Pharmacists