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Alaska Legislators,

The members of Alaska Board of Nursing unanimously support HB 149 and the Enhanced Nurse License Compact (NLC). In 2019, the Board examined the evidence for enactment of the NLC. This evidence included presentations from key stakeholders, public testimony, the experiences of other Boards of Nursing, and Alaska Townhall Meetings held in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. Additionally, the Board conducted a survey of Alaska licensed nurses. This survey showed that 92% of Alaska nurses supported joining the NLC. Since 2019, the Board has voted yearly and reaffirmed our support for the NLC in Alaska.

The Board recognizes that the old NLC (prior to 2015) was not a good fit for Alaska. The Enhanced NLC and its 11 uniform licensure requirements raises the standards of nurse licensure and is a good fit for Alaska.

Thank you for considering this legislation.

Sincerely,

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