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The Honorable David Wilson  
Chair of Senate Health and Social Services  
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Dear Senator Wilson

Thank you for your continued support of our men and women in the armed forces. We commend your recent effort to support the families of over 17,500 active duty, guard, and reserve military members that reside in Alaska. Collectively, we are writing today to request your immediate consideration of one of the most critical bills to assist military spouses: Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).

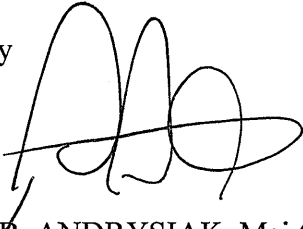
Military spousal employment is an issue critical to the well-being of our forces. The associated time and financial burden of obtaining additional State licenses for our military spouses often becomes an additional stressor during the military move and can ultimately influence a family's decision to stay in or leave the military.

Many states have enacted Occupational Licensure Interstate Compacts, which allow for mutual recognition of professional licensure between states. These compacts create a crucial link in preserving employability for military spouses when moving to a new duty station, and the adoption of such compacts would be highly beneficial to both military spouses and the State of Alaska. For instance, the NLC allowing Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses privilege to practice in Alaska is of particular importance to military spouses.

Getting spouses licensed to work, ideally within 30 days of arrival in Alaska, without cumbersome paperwork, is a success for the spouse, the employer, and the State, and make the burden of frequent military moves easier to handle. Most importantly, it strengthens military readiness and impacts our nation's ability to recruit and retain a robust force.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts by the State of Alaska regarding military quality of life issues. As you consider the NLC, we encourage you to continue to look for opportunities in the future to expand licensure reciprocity for the benefit of service members' families.

Sincerely

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PETER B. ANDRYSIK, Maj Gen, USA  
Commander, USARAK

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