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The Honorable Jesse Sumner
Chair, House Labor and Commerce
State Capitol Room 421
Juneau, AK 99801

Chair Sumner,

On behalf of military families and the Department of Defense, I am providing this letter of support for HB 149, the nurse licensure compact.

One of the Department's current Quality of Life Key Issues is working to help enact Occupational Licensure Interstate Compacts to improve licensure options for military spouses. The DoD has partnered with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) to support the Nurse Licensure Compact. The Nurse Licensure Compact allows military spouses to use their state of legal residence as their home state for privilege to practice.

Alaska is home to nearly 8,000 active duty military spouses, the second highest per capita percentage in the nation. 34% of military spouses in the workforce are in licensed occupations. The NLC reduces licensure barriers to employment when moving from state to state, as our military families do every two to four years. Additionally, the Alaska economy would benefit from the contribution of additional military spouses to the workforce.

We are grateful for the tremendous efforts that Alaska consistently makes to support our military members and families. Please contact me with any questions you may have at tammie.l.perreault.civ@mail.mil or (571) 424-8264.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tammie L. Perreault", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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