



April 5, 2023

Senator Cathy Giessel
State Capitol Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: ANTHC Support of Senate Bill 94

Senator Giessel,

On behalf of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), I write in support of Senate Bill (SB) 94.

ANTHC is a statewide tribal health organization serving all 229 Tribes and all Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) individuals in Alaska. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation co-manage the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), the tertiary care hospital for all AN/AI people in Alaska. ANTHC also provides a wide range of statewide public health, community health, environmental health and other programs and services for Alaska Native people and their communities.

SB 94 would align the Alaska Board of Pharmacy's statutes with those from other states, providing needed updates to reflect current pharmacy services and activities, including licensing and oversight of out-of-state pharmacies, outsourcing facilities, and internet pharmacies providing services in Alaska. The bill also allows the Board of Pharmacy to implement a national criminal background check for Alaska pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, critical to maintaining the security of our pharmacies and the safety of our patients.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or if additional information can be provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique R. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monique R. Martin
Vice President, Intergovernmental Affairs