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Representative Justin Ruffridge
House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support of HB 56

Dear Representative Ruffridge,

The Alaska Pharmacists Association represents pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, students and pharmacies across the State of Alaska. We support HB 56, an act related to exempting animal prescriptions from the controlled substance prescription database.

As pharmacy professionals, patient safety and ensuring appropriate use of medications is a big concern. However, the current system that requires veterinarians to query and report-controlled substance prescriptions is not an effective tool for addressing the opioid crisis. We join our colleagues at the Board of Pharmacy in voicing our support for this legislation.

Please support this bill in committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandy Seignemartin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brandy Seignemartin, PharmD
Executive Director

Cc: Chair Jesse Sumner, Representative Prax, Representative Saddler, Representative Wright, Representative Carrick, Representative Fields