

Dear Esteemed Members of the House Health and Social Services Committee,

I am reaching out to voice my enthusiastic endorsement of House Bill 309. This important yet straightforward legislation grants the Alaska Board of Optometry the pivotal authority to formulate regulations concerning the delegation of routine optometric services, as is already done in the other health professions.

House Bill 309 stands as a testament to simplicity, thoughtfulness, and a lack of controversy. Its passage will empower the Board of Examiners in Optometry to regulate the delegation of routine optometric services, ensuring the ongoing delivery of care for the people of Alaska in a manner that is both cost-effective and centered on patient needs.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your attention to this matter and for your invaluable support.

Warm regards,

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