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Representative Andrew Gray  
Alaska State Legislature

Re: Support for House Bill 298, the Alcoholic Beverages and Cancer Act

Dear Representative Gray,

I am writing this letter in support of House Bill 298, the Alcoholic Beverages and Cancer Act. I am a family physician, and I practice at Bartlett Regional Hospital, in Juneau. I have lived and practiced in Alaska since 1997.

Over the years, I have cared for innumerable patients who have been harmed by the effects of alcohol. Virtually every shift that I work at Bartlett Regional Hospital, I am caring for patients who have been adversely affected by their use of alcohol. There is no doubt that the use of alcohol increases the risk of a number of cancers, including breast cancer, colon cancer, stomach cancer, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, liver cancer and cancers of the throat and mouth.

While it may seem a small change to add the proposed wording to the alcohol warning signs, this type of change can help gradually impact decisions made by Alaskans.

I offer my wholehearted endorsement and support for House Bill 298.

Thank you,

Janice Sheufelt, MD