



Representative Jesse Sumner, Chairman
House Labor and Commerce Committee
Juneau, AK 99801
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RE: SB 115 – Physician Assistant Scope of Practice

Dear Chairman Sumner and members of the Committee:

I am a life long Alaskan, WWAMI graduate, practicing Emergency Medicine physician in Anchorage, I am writing in opposition to SB 115. My concerns are regarding the quality and length of supervised training, and lack of speciality specific oversight. In lieu of independent practice I feel that we should drop the number of required collaborator physicians to one. In addition, we should create regulatory oversight during a grace period of 3 months if a PA is to suddenly find themselves without a collaborator, such that they may find someone new. Additional changes should be made through the state medical board to lighten some of the requirements that PAs and their physician collaborators face making it easier to recruit physicians into the role in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 115. I urge the Committee to oppose the bill as drafted and not move the bill forward.

Sincerely,
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