



Senate Committee on Health Care

**Senate Bill 786
(Oppose)**

March 30, 2017

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Kruse and Committee Members,

While we understand that a Dash-1 amendment may be up for consideration by the committee, we want to go on record as opposing Senate Bill 786 as introduced.

The foundation of sound standards of care in both human and veterinary medicine is predicated on the examination of the patient. And yet this legislation fails to mention the establishment of the doctor-client-patient relationship via an initial exam. Furthermore, the bill grants the healthcare practitioner complete discretion to determine when telehealth would be appropriate. In essence, this would allow the health care practitioner to establish standards of care, not the regulatory agencies that license and provide critical oversight of the practitioner. This is inappropriate and does not protect the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn M. Kolb".

Glenn M. Kolb
Executive Director