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 Support for HB 4101

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To: Chair Salinas, Vice Chairs Hayden and Nosse and members of the

House Committee on Health Care From: Carol Greenough, Ph.D. Subject: Support for HB 4101

Dear Chair Salinas and members of the committee,

i am writing in support of HB 4101. As a psychologist in Alaska, I worked closely with Health Aides throughout the state who relied on Telemedicine to provide service in remote areas. The chance to access a physician or specialist quickly through telemedicine not only saved many lives but also made it much easier for those who could not or would not travel to a medical center.

In addition, on our move to Oregon, my husband and I established a telephone counseling service to continue to serve parts of Alaska without service. We were able to successfully serve not only those in remote areas who had no other service, but also people who were not able to seek service because of anxiety, depression, need to care for their children, or inability to afford transportation. This same availability of services is essential for us to fully serve those on the Oregon Health Plan who experience these barriers disproportionately.

Thank you,

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