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To: [Senate Education](#); [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: Please Oppose SCR 11 – Keep Alaska’s State Seal
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Dear Senator Stevens and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, which would establish a commission to reimagine Alaska’s official state seal.

Alaska’s state seal is not offensive or outdated, it is a historical record of how our state was built through hard work, perseverance, industry, and community in one of the most challenging environments in the world. Mining, transportation, fishing, agriculture, and development are not symbols of harm; they are the foundation of modern Alaska and remain vital to our economy today.

Honoring Alaska Native culture and history is important and should be strengthened through education and meaningful engagement. However, inclusion should not come by rewriting or replacing long-standing state symbols that represent our shared heritage.

Beyond the cultural concerns, changing the state seal would come with significant and unnecessary costs to taxpayers. The seal appears on state buildings, official documents, court materials, licenses, signage, websites, uniforms, and educational materials across Alaska. Replacing and updating all of these would require substantial public funding — money that could be far better spent on education, public safety, infrastructure, and essential services.

Once government begins redesigning historical symbols to reflect shifting political or cultural priorities, there is no clear end point. Alaska’s history deserves preservation, not revision.

I respectfully urge you to oppose SCR 11 and instead focus on initiatives that expand historical education while preserving the symbols that reflect Alaska’s resilience, heritage, and identity.

Thank you for your time and service to our state.

Sincerely,

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