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Honorable Members of the Alaska Legislature
Alaska State Capital Building
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Alaska Legislature:

The Calista Corporation would like to express its support of SB 202, which would Amend AS 46.03.822 to clarify that Alaska Native Corporations that received contaminated sites as part of their ANCSA settlement lands are *not legally liable* for prior contamination that existed at the time of transfer.

Calista Corporation represents 25,000 A, B, C, and D class shareholders within our 56 villages created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Lifting the current language of "strict liability" for our member corporations will allow us to pursue lawful and rightfully owed remediation funds that were not available prior to land transfer. The Red Devil mercury mine site is well known in the Calista Region, which is currently in the feasibility study stage by the BLM for site remediation and removal of hazardous substances. Calista and our associated villages with land selections co-located at this area, appreciates these clean-up efforts and wishes the same opportunity for remedial efforts for other Alaska Native Regional Corporations.

Additionally, we wish to create a skilled environmental remediation labor pool for our Environmental Services subsidiary, Brice Inc. for our shareholders who reside in rural Alaska where jobs are desperately needed.

Calista Corporation appreciates your work on behalf of our State. If I can offer any assistance or answer any further questions, the Calista Land and Natural Resource Department can be reached at 907-273-2800.

Respectfully,

Rosie Barr

Vice President of Land and Natural Resources