



March 8, 2010

Dear Alaska Legislator;

As our state continues to grow and the population increasingly concentrates itself into relatively few urban areas, reapportionment will lead to even larger legislative majorities who call the Anchorage basin their home. Conversely, corresponding legislative districts will cover wider and wider swaths of sparsely populated areas having relatively little in common. Already senate districts C, S and T are each larger than most states in the Union. In order to assure that we continue to hear the voices from every corner of the state, not just the urban centers, we believe it is time to increase the size of the Alaska legislature.

Southeast Conference is a private membership organization that works to advance the collective interests of the people, communities, and businesses of Southeast Alaska. It is the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR), Federal Economic Development District (EDD), and USDA Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council for the region. The Conference's Mission is to help develop strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska. In keeping with that mission we feel it is of utmost importance we are all heard with an equal voice.

Southeast Conference respectfully asks for your support for HJR38 and SJR21.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelly Wright".

Shelly Wright
Executive Director