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Copper Center, Alaska 99573

April 1, 2013

Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair

Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair

Senate Finance Committee

State Capitol

Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

Copper River Native Association and its Board of Directors strongly support passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, Copper River Native Association sends patients whose medical needs are beyond our capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quiana House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

Campus housing for the tribal health system will ease the anxiety of elders who must travel into a large strange city, especially those for whom English is a second language. With kitchen facilities, extended family will be able to visit and share traditional foods.

For the high risk prenatal mother who can spend several weeks waiting to delivery her baby, campus housing will provide a closer community feel than a hotel, and they will have the added bonus of being close to the hospital when they deliver, supplemental prenatal education and supports.

Patients who can be discharged from the hospital but need follow-up care before returning to their home village will benefit from being on campus, close to the services they need. Our trauma patients receive outstanding care at ANMC, but trauma patients often need post-hospitalization rehabilitative

services. Patient recovery times are faster when the patient receives the prescribed follow-up on the prescribed schedule.

If you have questions concerning Copper River Native Association and its Board of Directors position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Vrana". The script is cursive and fluid.

Paula Vrana  
CEO, Copper River Native Association  
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St. Paul

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## Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.

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Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

The Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association sends patients whose medical needs are beyond our capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quiana House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

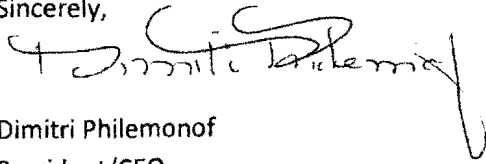
Campus housing for the tribal health system will ease the anxiety of elders who must travel into a large strange city, especially those for whom English is a second language. With kitchen facilities, extended family will be able to visit and share traditional foods.

For the high risk prenatal mother who can spend any number of months waiting to delivery her baby, campus housing will provide a closer community feel than a hotel, and they will have the added bonus of being close to the hospital when they deliver, supplemental prenatal education and supports.

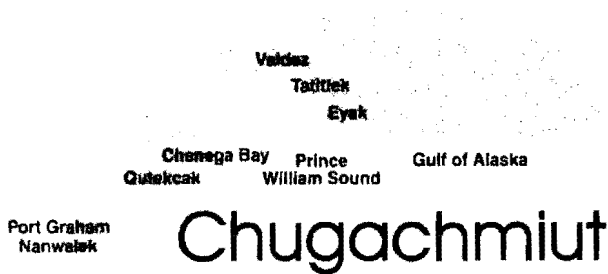
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If you have questions concerning our position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at 907-276-2700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dimitri Philemonof". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" or "P" at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline.

Dimitri Philemonof  
President/CEO



April 01, 2013

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Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

Chugachmiut strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

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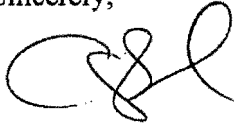
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hospitalization rehabilitative services. Patient recovery times are faster when the patient receives the prescribed follow-up on the prescribed schedule.

If you have questions concerning Chugachmiut's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at (907) 334-0153 or via email at [jan@chugachmiut.org](mailto:jan@chugachmiut.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Vanderpool', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Angela (Jan) Vanderpool  
Executive Director