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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of legislation that makes hazing an illegal act in the state of Alaska. Unfortunately, hazing has become more frequent, more violent and more sexualized in the past decade. Hazing rituals often begin in high school and are then repeated in college and in the military.

Legislation is needed in order to educate students, parents, and school personnel about hazing. Policies must address this issue in order to protect all students in Alaska.

I am a psychologist and the author of *Preventing Hazing: How Parents, Teachers and Coaches Can Stop the Violence, Harassment and Humiliation*. I am an expert in the field of hazing and in conflict and violence on campus.

Please feel free to contact me should further information be necessary.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Lipkins