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To whom it may concern:

The Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people have been in Southeast Alaska since time immemorial. Our culture and history have helped shape Southeast Alaska into what it is today and it is important that Alaskan's Native and Non-natives remember and know of the rich history of this area. The Alaska State Library, Archives & Museum in Juneau will help preserve and protect important artifacts, objects and educational materials for generations to come.

Andrew P. Kashevaroff knew the importance of preserving and protecting Alaska's History and Culture and was an integral part of building the Alaska State Library. He worked throughout his life creating a museum and educational facility that still serves Alaskans today.

Sealaska Heritage Institute supports the choice of the Alaska State Library and Museum to name the new facility the Andrew P. Kashervaroff Library, Archives & Museum. It is only right that tribute be made to one of the first men in Alaska to realize the importance of Alaska Native and Alaska History and want to share his knowledge in the same way that the State Library, Archives & Museum continues to do so today.

Sincerely,

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