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My name is Dr. Peter Nakamura. I have been a residence of Juneau Alaska since 1991. Prior to that date, I Provided and directed health services to our Native American People in the States of Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho as well as in Anchorage, Bethel, and in the rural communities of the Yukon Kuskokwim and Bristol Bay regions of Alaska. I moved to Juneau in 1991 to serve ten years as the Public Health Director for the State of Alaska under the governorship of our two major political parties. I retired in 2001 and presently participate as a citizen volunteer member of the Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition. I share my professional resume only to demonstrate that my concern for House Concurrent Resolution No 21 is sincere and based on experiences related to the issues it addresses.

To address significant issues negatively impacting on the lives of our Alaskan people, especially our young children, it is imperative that a statewide policy including programs to address these issues be established and readily accessible to those affected. Adverse childhood experiences have been proven to be a major precursor to the many economic and personal tragedies experienced by our citizens.

The responsible control and hopefully reduction or elimination of these negative life issues requires the identification, monitoring, prevention, and direct intervention by State sponsored Programs involving our State and local leadership, citizens, and professional staff, as well as those endangered with or contributing to adverse childhood experiences.

Solving the problem first starts with a commitment to address the issue but also requires a commitment to develop and support a comprehensive program addressing the issue of "adverse childhood experiences".

Thank you for your involvement and efforts on resolution no 21.

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