

Seth-De-Ya-Ah Corporation



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Representative Cathy Munoz
Alaska State Capitol, Room 501
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for the Passage of HB 274

Dear Representative Munoz,

In a special meeting held on January 30, 2016, the Seth-De-Ya-Ah Corporation Board voted to support the passage of House Bill 274, relating to land exchanges.

Seth-De-Ya-Ah Corporation is the ANCSA village corporation for the federally recognized Native Village of Minto. The mission of Seth-De-Ya-Ah Corporation is two-fold: 1) to manage our land and affairs in a fiscally responsible manner to ensure a healthy and viable corporation and a reasonable and consistent return for our shareholders; and 2) to provide employment opportunities and training for, and to promote and retain the tradition, cultural values and customs of our shareholders and their descendants.

We consider the current law to be disadvantageous to the applicant which discourages private property owners, such as Seth-De-Ya-Ah Corporation, from making application. HB 274 would encourage private investment and economic development by making the application process much less onerous and the opportunity for exchange values much more equitable.

We urge the Legislature to pass HB 274 this legislative session and will make representatives from our Corporation available to assist you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Edna Riley
President of the Board of Directors

Cc: Representative David Talerico, House Resources Committee Co-Chair
Representative Benjamin Nageak, House Resources Committee Co-Chair