SITNASUAK
NATIVE CORPORATION

March 2, 2018

The Honorable Governor Walker
The Honorable Senator Olson and Senator Coghill
The Honorable Representative Foster and Tuck

Dear Honorable Governor Walker, Senators & Representatives:

On behalf of the Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC), I am writing to express our strong support for extending the Alaska Educational Tax Credit program.

As an introduction, SNC is one of the Alaska Native corporations created in 1971 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). SNC is proudly headquartered in Nome, Alaska, with operations in Nome, Anchorage, Wasilla, Fairbanks, California, Virginia Beach and Puerto Rico. Today, SNC is the largest of 16 village corporations in the Bering Straits region with over $130 million in annual revenues. SNC is owned by approximately 2,900 Alaska Native shareholders.

SNC and our family of businesses have welcomed the opportunity to partner with the State of Alaska by contributing private funding directly to our Alaska schools, education projects and scholarship programs. We are very proud as a rural business and Alaska Native Village Corporation to have provided important support that enhances and grows our own future generations of Alaskan professionals.

Over the past three years SNC has provided over $550,000 via the Alaska education tax credit program including:

- Additional support for rural public education from elementary to secondary with Nome Public Schools
- Partnership funding for secondary vocational education with Northwest Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) serving the Bering Strait Region
- Scholarships to hundreds of individual college and vocational training students
- Project contributions for college prep with the UAF Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI)
- Local contributions for early childhood education with Nome Preschool

The education tax credit is a program that should be recognized as successfully working for the intended outcomes and one deserving of an extension. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Ukallaysaaq, Vice-President of Corporate Affairs, at (907) 387-1200.

Sincerely,

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