

ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGE
CORPORATION ASSOCIATION



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Honorable Members of the Alaska Legislature
Alaska State Capital Building
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Alaska Legislature:

The Alaska Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) would like to express its support of SB 202, which would Amend AS 46.03.822 to clarify that Alaska Native Corporations that received contaminated sites as part of their ANCSA settlement lands are not legally liable for prior contamination that existed at the time of transfer.

We represent 176 Village Corporations created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Since 2012, we have been attempting to bring resolution to the over 900 contaminated sites received by our members as part of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

ANVCA's mission is to promote Village Corporations' success and protection of Native lands. Lifting the legal liability of our member corporations will allow us to begin to pursue clean-up funds that were not available to us previously. We wish to create well-paying highly skilled clean-up jobs in rural Alaska where jobs are desperately needed.

ANVCA again thanks you for your work on behalf of our State. If I can offer any assistance or answer any further questions, my direct line is 907.841.7326.

Respectfully,

Hallie L. Bissett
Executive Director

ANVCA is a 501 (c) 6 nonprofit organization.

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