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05-24-2017

The Honorable Donny Olson  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Room 510  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Olson:

The Skagway Development Corporation would like to express its support for Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, protecting the use of legally acquired walrus, mammoth and mastodon ivory from the laws that ban the sale, use and possession of all ivories regardless of origin.

The rural Alaskan community of Skagway has a vibrant artistic economy which includes the sale of legally acquired walrus, mammoth and mastodon ivory tools, handicrafts, jewelry and artwork. Banning the use of such ivories would adversely affect this economy and thus this important source of income for local ivory carvers and artists.

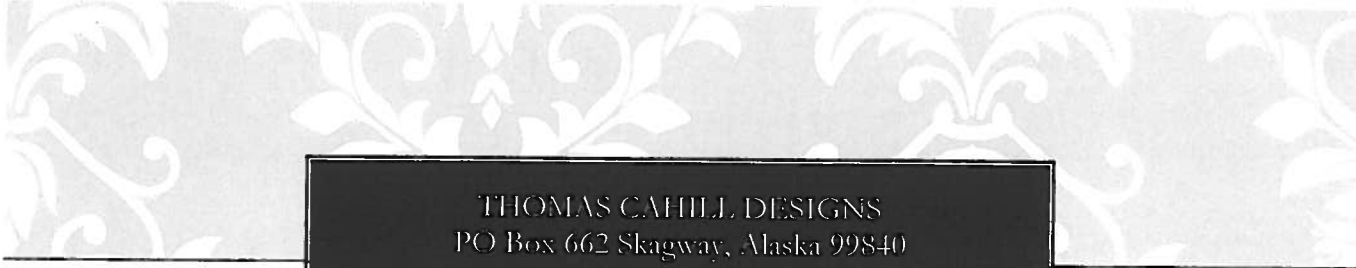
The legally acquired walrus, mammoth and mastodon ivories used to create tools, handicrafts, jewelry and artwork in Skagway and other Alaskan communities have no connection to the poaching of African elephants and therefore should not be included in laws that ban the sale, use and possession of ivory. There should be a distinction made between the two sources of ivory, so that Alaskan Artists can continue to sell their ivory handicrafts and maintain their means of making a living in cash-limited economies of rural Alaska.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juliene Miles".

Juliene Miles  
Executive Director



THOMAS CAHILL DESIGNS  
PO Box 662 Skagway, Alaska 99840

4/17/2017

## **SJR 4**

I am writing in support of SJR 4 protecting the legal use of ethical Alaskan ivories. We need Alaska to stand proud in supporting our heritage of ethical use of Alaskan ivories. Native use of walrus ivory and the western use of Alaskan fossil ivories play no role in the killing of elephants, rhinos, and other animals in other parts of the world.

I am part of a community of artists and retailers in Skagway, Alaska that is being hard hit economically by the chilling effect that these uninformed total ivory bans are causing. Passage of SJR 4 will help secure many livelihoods throughout Alaska.

Please contact me if I can offer testimony or other information that will assist in the passage of SJR 4.

***Kind Regards,***

Candace Cahill  
Partner \* Artist \* Silversmith  
Thomas Cahill Designs

## Jacquelyn Boyer

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**From:** Sen. Donny Olson  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 16, 2017 1:57 PM  
**To:** Jacquelyn Boyer  
**Subject:** FW: In Favor of SJR4: Alaska's bill to protect Alaska's legal ivories

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**From:** Susan Tereba [mailto:suzworld2@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2017 11:43 PM  
**To:** Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** In Favor of SJR4: Alaska's bill to protect Alaska's legal ivories

04-07-2017

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State Senate

Alaska State Capitol

Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Native use of walrus ivory and the western use of Alaskan fossil ivories obviously play no role in the demand and the atrocities committed on elephants, rhinos, and other animals in other parts of the world.

I am part of a community of carvers and retailers in the USA that is being hard hit economically by the chilling effect that these uninformed Total Ivory Bans are causing. My particular interest is in mammoth ivory that is sourced from the gold fields of Dawson City, Yukon.

The commercial use of mammoth ivory is crucial to the survival of the tusks that are dug up by gold miners in Dawson City. Once a tusk is dug up from the permafrost it must be preserved and protected from the elements. If there is no commercial value in these tusks and pieces of these tusks they will simply be left exposed to rot, a sad ending to the remains of a mammoth that survived 35,000 years buried in the permafrost.

There is very little scientific interest in these tusks. For more information on this ethical ivory, on mammoth tusks, please the blog: [Preservationmammoth.com](http://Preservationmammoth.com).

Sincerely,

Susan Tereba

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I am part of a community of carvers and retailers in Skagway, Alaska and nationwide that is being hard hit economically by the chilling effect that these uninformed Total Ivory bans are causing. My particular interest is in mammoth ivory that I source from the gold fields of Dawson City, Yukon. I also work with fossil walrus ivories sourced from St. Lawrence Island.

On mammoth tusks, the commercial use of mammoth ivory is crucial to the survival of the tusks that are dug up by gold miners in Dawson City. Once a tusk is dug up from the permafrost it must be preserved and protected from the elements. If there is no commercial value in these tusks and pieces of these tusks they will simply be left exposed to rot, a sad ending to the remains of a mammoth that survived 35,000 years buried in the permafrost. There is very little scientific interest in these tusks. For more information on this ethical ivory, on mammoth tusks, please see my blog: [Preservationmammoth.com](http://Preservationmammoth.com).

Sincerely,

Bruce Schindler  
Owner of Schindler Carvings