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Honorable Members of House Judiciary Committee  
*Submitted via email*

Dear Chair Claman and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Calista Corporation, an Alaska Native Regional Corporation, is writing to share comments with regard to Committee House Bill 367 "An Act relating to the liability of a Native corporation for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances present on certain lands."

We appreciate your efforts to alleviate the concerns long expressed by ANCSA Corporations for management of our lands which were contaminated by other parties. The amendment offered by Chair Claman is a very helpful amendment and essentially mirrors the change in CERCLA that Congress recently enacted in the appropriations act. Calista Corporation supports this amendment as it would make Alaska Native Corporations (ANC) not liable unless the state, a municipality or village can prove the ANC was the legal cause of the contamination. Like you and all Alaskans, ANC's value environmental stewardship. Eliminating liability for contamination that Calista Corporation did not create is critical for effectively managing its ANCSA lands.

We are deeply concerned that Representative LeDoux's amendment would effectively gut the intent of HB 367, which is to absolve ANCSA Corporations of liability for lands contaminated by other parties. We urge this committee to reject this amendment and instead support the amendment provided by Chair Claman.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

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