



MANIILAQ  
ASSOCIATION

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The Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives:

Please accept this letter of support of **Senate Bill 101**, sponsored by Senator Donny Olson. This bill will help establish *Ashley Johnson-Barr Day the twelfth of March in Alaska*. Senate Bill 101 is a Bipartisan Bill with currently 12 sponsors from both parties.

The Maniilaq Association is the sole provider of health, social services, and tribal government services in northwest Alaska. More information about Maniilaq can be found in the attached 2018 Annual Report, which by the way was dedicated to Ashley with the permission of her father. As stated in our report, *Love for Children* is an Inupiat Ilitqusiut value which are embraced by the people in our region. Your support for Senate Bill 101 will be in alignment with those values and will help bring further attention to the needs of our young people who often do not have a voice.

We commend the sponsors of Senate Bill 101. Thank you for your support of this important piece of legislation which will help-us-help-our-children – not only in our region but throughout Alaska. Together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

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