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To: <u>House State Affairs</u>
Subject: Please Support HB 82

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Dear House State Affairs,

Dear [Legislator or Committee Chair],

I'm writing in support of House Bill 82, which would update state law to include non-discrimination protections for sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity. I stand with my neighbors in support of equal rights for all Alaskans.

I'm writing to ask that you remember HB82 next session. Current state law provides no avenue for legal recourse in the event of discrimination. Marginalized communities like the LGBTQ community, their friends and families could have their rights and livelihoods taken away with no legal recourse. Only three cities in the state have ordinances and resolutions protecting these identities, leaving 55% of the population vulnerable to discrimination and violence.

All Alaskans deserve to be safe. We need clear, explicit protections for sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity to ensure the protection of all Alaskans' rights. There is no room for discrimination in our state, and too many lives are at risk. I urge you to forward HB 82. Reintroduce this imperative bill and reaffirm that the State of Alaska celebrates and protects all Alaskans.

Sincerely,
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