Attention Alaskan Nonprofit Organization,

My name is Jamie, I am the Marketing Director at Alaska EXCEL, an Anchorage based nonprofit organization located on the Alaska Pacific University campus. Our organization recently held the 2nd annual Great Alaska Duck Race in downtown Anchorage. We were unsure if we would be able to sell enough paper tickets to host the event due to the pandemic. However due to the circumstances surrounding Covid-19 there has been a temporary change to charitable gaming laws to allow for online raffles in the state of Alaska. This temporary change allowed us to continue our fundraising efforts and provide important services to our rural Alaskan students, as well as donate proceeds to 10 other local Alaskan nonprofit organizations that participated in the event. The temporary change for online sales is due to expire November 15th, long before the impact of the virus has left our state.

This temporary change has permitted Alaskan organizations that hold a gaming permit to conduct fundraisers without face to face contact. It has also allowed for us to use online platforms to reach our supporters and broaden the impact of the fundraisers held. The important services that our organizations provide to Alaskans cannot be supplemented by the state. We ask that the Department of Revenue allow the changes for online charitable gaming to be made permanent. These laws are outdated and events can now be conducted with increased accuracy and better results through the use of technology. If you are in agreement, please sign the document on the following page to be submitted to our local government.

If you have any questions regarding the request or how the regulation change has helped us raise funds please contact me via email or my cell phone below.

Best,

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