From: <u>leah@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

Subject: Please vote yes on HB 66

Date: Friday, April 09, 2021 1:31:58 PM

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Sincerely, Ms. Leah Moss From: <u>discoverhomer@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Ms. Bridget Maryott

From: <u>tuffykim@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: <u>House Judiciary</u>

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Ms. Kimberly McConkey

From: <u>scottysusan@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Sincerely, Mr. Scott Miller From: <a href="mailto:gbsantafe@everyactioncustom.com">gbsantafe@everyactioncustom.com</a> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

Subject: Please vote yes on HB 66

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Sincerely, Mrs. Patti Blevins From: <u>sojohn61@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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To: <u>House Judiciary</u>

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Sincerely, Mr. Joseph Jacob From: <u>stephen.n.stone@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Mr. Stephen Stone

From: <u>hundredthmonk21@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

Subject: Please vote yes on HB 66

Date: Friday, April 09, 2021 5:40:56 PM

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Sincerely, Ms. Kate Finn From: <u>michelescornelius@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Ms. Michele Cornelius

From: <u>evvisse@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: <u>House Judiciary</u>

Subject: Please vote yes on HB 66

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Ms. Ellen Vandevisse

From: <u>barisicindogan@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Mr. Dogan Ozkan

From: <u>dwessing46@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Ms. Diane Wessing

From: <u>bitemestriper@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

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To: House Judiciary

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Sincerely, Mrs. Kim Smith From: <u>|finney57@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

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Mrs. LINDSEY FINNEY

From:
To: House Judiciary
Subject: I support HB66

**Date:** Saturday, April 10, 2021 11:56:55 AM

I urge you to pass HB 66 to ensure full voting accessibility for all Alaskans. Please don't support any actions that obstruct our voting rights.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: <u>carlanc60@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

**Date:** Saturday, April 10, 2021 12:16:35 PM

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Mr. Carlton Russell

From: <u>jrife@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

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From:

House Judiciary:

To: Cc:

Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-

Tomkins; Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Liz Snyder; Rep. Sarah Vance

Subject: HB66

**Date:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 12:15:31 PM

Dear Alaska House Judiciary:

Voting is the only way many Alaskans have a voice in how our State operates. Voting allows residents to express their values, beliefs, and desires. It is incumbent on the State of Alaska to ensure every eligible citizen who wishes to vote can do so easily and equitably. HB66 will remove barriers to the ballot box at every stage of Alaska's elections making it more convenient to vote before election day and easier to vote on election day. Please support this Bill.

I have lived and voted in Anchorage since 2008 and have always been impressed with the operation of our entire election system from the ease of registering (when I obtained my driver's license) to casting my ballot. I have never needed to wait in a long line to vote; this is right and proper. I am glad Alaska now automatically registers eligible PFD applicants for voting. I applaud the length of early voting and the no-excuse absentee option. I am a strong proponent of Vote-by-Mail and Ranked-Choice voting and am interested to see how Ranked-Choice voting works during our next election cycle. I hope the State of Alaska enacts Vote-by-Mail like we have for Anchorage municipal elections.

I favor regulations that make it easy and equitable for all eligible residents to register and vote. I think it's important that people be able to deliver (to drop boxes, mail boxes, or City Hall) any ballot from a family member, disabled/elderly voter in one trip. I believe all voters ought to be informed about and assisted to cure a troubled ballot quickly in order to have their eligible votes count. We should ensure that, upon their release, felons are informed of how to become eligible to vote again (as applicable). I believe same-day registration and absentee ballot tracking would be beneficial additions to our election system.

HB66 would make our good election system even better. Please support easy and equitable voting for all Alaskans. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Wendy Robbins

From: <u>mattphotos@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kimberly Seater

From: <u>krazycas42@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 1:14:23 AM

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

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Mr. Casimir Abramczyk

From: wjjones@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Mrs. Serena Elftman-Mollenkopf

From: <u>shasta@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

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Ms. Marjorie Ringer

From: To:

Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Liz Snyder; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. David

Eastman; Representative.Christopher.Kurka@aklieg.gov; Rep. Sarah Vance; House Judiciary

Subject: House Bill 66

Monday, April 12, 2021 9:08:30 AM Date:

# Good morning:

I am a constituent from Anchorage, Alaska, writing in regards to HB 66.

This bill is important to Alaska voters because voting is the foundation of democracy and this bill makes voting more accessible to Alaska citizens.

I appreciate being able to vote early and by mail and I know many other people who have a physical disability, which makes voting in person and on election day very difficult.

I understand that some people have claimed that these things cause election fraud. In the 2020 election, many people used early voting and voting by mail, and even former Attorney General William Barr stated that our 2020 election was free and fair.

Finally, reports have shown that early voting and voting by mail are used by both political parties and does not favor either.

I would appreciate your support of HB 66.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gingell-Farris Anchorage, Alaska

From: <u>dvpalaska@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Mr. Douglas Van Patten

From: <u>bmerritt@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

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Ms. Belle Merritt

From: <u>shepherdinthegarden@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

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Mrs. Jessica Shepherd

From: jblaine@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of

To: <u>House Judiciary</u>
Subject: HB 66 makes sense

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 9:08:44 AM

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Sincerely, Mr John Blaine From: <a href="mailto:lhajduk@everyactioncustom.com">lhajduk@everyactioncustom.com</a> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Ms. Patricia Gaedeke

From: gordsue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

Subject: HB66 for people that live in the sticks! Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:08:52 AM

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Ms. Kary Brinson

From: <u>mk99603@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

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Mr. Michael Kennedy

From: <u>hbest25@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Sincerely, Mx Heather Best From: <u>annaofalaska@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Sincerely, Ms Tracy Bader From:
To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** In support of HB 66 and in opposition of SB 39

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 10:12:32 AM

## Dear Representative Claman, Representative Snyder, Representative Drummond, Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, Representative Eastman, Representative Kurka, and Representative Vance,

We are testifying on behalf of the organization, Mat-Su Moms for Social Justice, in support of House Bill 66, sponsored by Representatives Tuck and Schrage, and against Senate Bill 39, sponsored by Senator Shower. Mat-Su Moms for Social Justice is a group of 318 individuals living in greater Palmer and greater Wasilla.

Our organization stands in support of House Bill 66. We believe it is a strong voter enhancement bill because it makes an often confusing process simpler and more consistently predictable for Alaska's diverse group of voters.

Since our country was built on democracy, it is only right that voting get easier — not harder. And SB 39 will indeed make voting more difficult by making it a crime to help one's family members and friends vote, limiting by-mail voting, requiring witnesses for absentee ballot signatures, and changing the popular 2016 PFD automatic voter registration law.

Many influential Alaskans have spoken out against SB 39, including Kendra Kloster, executive director of Native Peoples Action, and Celeste Hodge Growden, president of the Alaska Black Caucus.

We stand with these Alaskan leaders. In 2021, it's time to improve upon voting rights, not make them worse. SB 39 risks knocking Alaska backward into days of voter suppression and inaccessibility that dangerously echo Jim Crow-era laws. Put simply, SB 39 would be an insult to the activists who fought long and hard for voting access in Alaska.

Our state already has a long and turbulent history when it comes to equitable voting access. Elizabeth Peratrovich helped to secure equity and anti-discrimination rights for Alaska Native people with the passage of the Alaska Equal Rights Act of 1945, but it took over 40 more years, the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, and two long federal court cases — *Nick v. Bethel* and *Toyukak v. Treadwell* — to achieve baseline voting rights for Alaska Native people.

If passed, SB 39 would make it more difficult for Alaska Natives — especially those who live in rural areas and/or who speak Indigenous languages — rural Alaskans, the elderly, disabled people, members of the military, Slope workers, fishing industry workers, and more to vote early or absentee.

House Bill 66, on the other hand, aims to make voting easier for all Alaskans by allowing us to register to vote on Election Day and expanding accessibility to mail-in voting. It would require the Division of Elections to include postage-paid return envelopes with absentee

ballots, make early voting locations consistent year after year, and increase pay for poll workers.

HB 66 also proposes eliminating the witness requirement for absentee votes. Alaska is one of only a handful of states to cling to this prohibitive and discriminatory witness law, which disproportionately and negatively impacts people of color, those with disabilities, and the elderly, all of whom deserve fair and easy access to their vote.

Mail-in voting, along with pandemic-related accessibility measures, helped result in a record voter turnout for Alaska in 2020. As citizens of a democracy, we should all agree that increased voter turnout is a good thing.

If state lawmakers are frightened of increased voter turnout to the point that they conjure up cases of serious fraud with no supporting evidence and write bills like SB 39, this is frankly anti-American and anti-democratic, and it is a major cause for concern.

The Mat-Su Moms for Social Justice urges our lawmakers to pass HB 66, which drives our state closer to equity and justice for all, and to eliminate SB 39, which would not only suppress and discriminate against Alaska voters but would also place Alaska under the same national scrutiny and decreased tourism and support that Georgia's voter suppression bill has provoked.

In the spirit of moving our state and country closer to social justice and not further away from it, we once again urge you to pass House Bill 66 and to eliminate Senate Bill 39.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Mat-Su Moms for Social Justice

From:
To: House Judiciary
Subject: HB 66 Testimony

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 12:10:01 PM

## Hello,

I am an Alaskan resident from Palmer. I am e-mailing in support of House Bill 66. This bill makes voting more accessible to residents of our state. I am in favor of taking barriers away from our states ability to vote. Thank you for your consideration.

Meghan Aube-Trammell

Dr. Meggie Aube Percussion Performer and Educator <u>President, Ala</u>ska Chapter of the Percussive Arts Society

http://www.percussioninthevalley.com

From: <u>aksandy612@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 3:50:44 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am very supportive of HB66 and am requesting that you support this bill as well.

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Mrs. Sandra Garity

From: <u>patwestbrook@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 3:50:45 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Patricia Westbrook

From: <u>arleighjane24@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

Subject: Alaskans want you to vote yes on HB 66

Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:50:44 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

In 2020 your Alaskan constituents came out in record numbers to have their voices heard and to vote to increase voting access. We have learned from the pandemic about the importance of access. Increased participation is what we should strive for and HB 66 looks to do just that.

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Mx. Arleigh Hitchcock

From: <u>su@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: <u>House Judiciary</u>

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Sincerely, Ms Su Chon To: House Judiciary Committee, Chairperson Claman, Vice Chair Snyder, and Committee Members

Re: Testimony in favor of Representative Chris Tuck's HB66: Elections, Voting, Ballots

My name is Jamie Rodriguez and I'm writing from Anchorage in support of Representative Chris Tuck's HB66: Elections, Voting, Ballots.

I am very pleased to see a bill like this that moves Alaska's voting process into the twenty-first century. One of the positives that has come out of the Pandemic is that it forced us into reimagining how to get things done efficiently while still keeping communities safe. Alaska not only achieved that goal in the past election, but in the process put into practice some excellent ways to make every step of navigating the voting process easier and more accessible to Alaska's wide range of voters.

Providing choices for early voting, vote by mail, and permanent absentee voting makes it safe, easy, and convenient for people, both urban and rural, to vote in ways that work for their schedules and situations.

For those choosing in-person voting, multiple day early voting centers placed in convenient areas of town add to accessibility and efficiency. I applaud the provision in this bill that calls for the same early voting locations to be available during every election. Not surprisingly, voters turned out in record numbers. I've heard nothing but positive comments about how thoughtfully the election was handled during these challenging times.

HB66 also addresses the issue of absentee ballots slowing final results due to the practice of not being counted until after election day. HB66 provides for absentee ballots being counted as they're received. This change will also prevent prolonged and expensive counting time. I'm very pleased to see that HB66 fixes this issue.

The fact that HB66 makes permanent the many positive changes implemented last year that allowed Alaskans to vote safely and efficiently makes sense. It also makes perfect sense to keep these processes permanently in place because we don't know what direction the pandemic will take. Keeping these Best Practices, will keep us in readiness at all times. HB66 insures this.

For each one of us, our vote is our voice, every citizen's guarantee of having a say in things. HB66 is most definitely a critical step in moving toward a more equitable, accessible, and safe voting system for all. I urge the Alaska Legislature to pass HB66. It's a bill to be proud of.

Thank you.

From: <u>jonjoy@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 3:50:47 PM

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Sincerely, Mr. Jon Sharpe From:
To: House Judiciary
Subject: HB 66

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 8:18:10 PM

I am enthusiastically in favor of house bill 66, which will facilitate voting and the reliability of the process. I know you are busy so I won't go on. Thank you.

Kathleen Swick

From: <u>silene.acaulis@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

**Date:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:07:35 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support HB 66 and vote Yes on the bill. The provisions in this bill will serve to increase lawful voter participation, which is the underpinning of our democracy, while maintaining stringent safeguards.

In 2020, Alaskans came out in record numbers to have their voices heard. This success in the democratic process was, in part, due to the changes made in voting procedures to ensure that all Alaskans had voting access despite the pandemic, all while maintaining voting security. This success shows the power that simple steps towards broader accessibility can have on making more people a part of the decision making process. Increased participation is what we should strive for and HB 66 looks to do just that.

Will you stand up for Alaska voices?

Studies have shown the 2020 election was one of the most secure in history. We need to focus now on policies that modernize our systems. HB 66 could both increase legal voting access and modernize our systems. Let's move forward as a state. I hope your leadership can make that possible.

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Sincerely, Ms. Bridget Paule From: <u>kmcclellan1993@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Sincerely,

Miss Katie McClellan

From:
To: House Judiciary

Cc: Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Liz Snyder; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. David

Eastman, Representative.Christopher.Kurka@aklieg.gov, Rep. Sarah Vance

**Subject:** Support for HB 66

**Date:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:55:52 PM

To: House Judiciary Committee,

I would like to testify in favor of HB 66.

I believe that the strength of our democracy depends on the degree of participation in elections. HB 66 addresses issues which present obstacles to participation by individuals who may have restricted access to the polls, for reasons of limited transportation or mobility, and improve access to voting for a variety of voters who might be prevented from voting for a number of reasons. Those reasons might be something as simple as no access to a stamp, to voters who have recently moved or come of age, or had their ballots improperly rejected for poor penmanship in signature matching.

There is no good reason not to level the playing field for voters who are home-bound, who lack transportation, who don't have a stamp, just moved or broke a finger the day before signing an absentee ballot.

Of these issues, the most important to me is to notify voters of the rejection of an absentee ballot, and to offer an opportunity to cure those ballots. Signature matching is a subjective judgment, and a poor signature match should not disenfranchise a voter.

I approve of other measures in HB 66, including the provision allowing candidates to have their own poll watchers, and increasing pay for poll workers to \$15/hour.

Regards, Doug Robbins From: <a href="mailto:leon.jaimes@everyactioncustom.com">leon.jaimes@everyactioncustom.com</a> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

**Date:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:41:31 AM

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Mx. Leon Jaimes

From: <u>tyler.henegan@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

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Sincerely, Ms Micaela Hogan From:
To:
House Judiciary

Subject: Written Testimony in Support of HB66

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:26:02 PM

To the House Judiciary Committee,

I am an Anchorage resident and am writing on behalf of both myself as a private citizen and as a senior researcher with Sightline Institute, a regional, nonpartisan public policy think tank focused on Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. In both capacities, I support HB66. It contains many of the provoter recommendations I made last year in the following article:

https://www.sightline.org/2020/12/15/lets-make-alaska-absentee-voting-boring-again/. Among them are a cure process, dropping the witness requirement, and setting up "one and done" absentee voter sign-up, meaning we Alaskans would only need to sign up once to receive absentee ballots for all statewide elections in which we are eligible to participate, rather than signing up every year.

Security in elections is of paramount importance for a functioning democracy. The policy proposals in HB66 do not present credible threats to the security of Alaska's elections. That is, they would not all of a sudden allow ineligible voters to vote, nor would they enable any person to cast more than one ballot AND have it count. Cases of voter fraud in Alaska are already negligible—that is, they are so low they have no effect on the outcome of elections. The pro-voter policies in HB66 would not weaken any of the safeguards already in place for verifying the identities and eligibility of voters. And although the proposals may be new to Alaska, they have been implemented successfully in a significant number of states.

Take the witness signature requirement. The state Division of Elections has no way to verify the authenticity of witness signatures. Therefore, they play no actual role in ballot security while also inconveniencing voters and making it more likely their ballots will not count. It thus makes sense to eliminate witness signatures as a requirement and focus on more effective security measures, such as electronic signature verification for voter signatures.

Finally, ALL voters, not just those from particular political parties, benefit from better access to voting. This Washington Post op-ed by Robert Griffin of the bipartisan Democracy Fund Voter Study Group found that the reflexive tendency to assume that more accessible elections helps Democrats and more restrictive practices help Republicans is not based on solid data. "The reality is that election laws are complicated and <u>incentivize voter behavior in complex ways</u> that are context-dependent. This makes it very difficult to predict precisely who would benefit from a given overhaul — if anyone at all, Griffin writes.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/03/22/republican-vote-restriction-turnout/

Thank you,

Jeannette Lee | Sr. Researcher | she/her

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From: <u>ellenparrytyler@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

To: House Judiciary

Subject: Please vote yes on HB 66

Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 8:47:38 AM

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Sincerely, Mrs Ellen Jaimes From: pegt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of

To: <u>House Judiciary</u>

**Subject:** Please vote yes on HB 66

**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 8:29:57 AM

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I have been an election worker for over 20 years. My job has been to sign in voters on the registration book. It has been error free over the many years. I am proud of the election system in Alaska and I want to assure Alaskans their ability to cast their ballot is easy and

available. Our democratic form of government depends upon the voice of the people being heard. Making it difficult to vote for any reason is absolutely unacceptable.

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Sincerely, Ms Peg Tileston From: <u>llstandish@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of

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Mrs. Lindsay Standish