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To: Representative Tiffany Zulkosky

Re: ANDVSA Support for HB 123 State Recognition of Tribes

Date: April 19, 2021

Greetings,

We are writing in support of HB 123 to provide state recognition of federally recognized tribes.

There are 574 federally recognized Tribes in the United States[1], with 229 in Alaska. This bill will provide formal recognition of the already established federal legal precedent for government-to-government relationships between the State of Alaska and Alaska Tribes. This is an opportunity for Alaska to more effectively address our most pressing public health issues, such as housing and homelessness, community and generational healing, and eliminating domestic violence and sexual assault. We support this bill as a way to reaffirm our work with Alaska Native survivors in Alaska, by offering even more support in collaboration between our member programs and Tribes.

Thank you,

Carmen Lowry

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Executive Director

Cc: Sponsor Representatives: Kreiss-Tomkins, Drummond, Spohnholz, Fields, Tarr, Ortiz, Snyder

[1] https://www.ncsl.org/research/state-tribal-institute/list-of-federal-and-state-recognized-tribes.aspx