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Hi Ivy,

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy down in Juneau.

I'm writing to you in your capacity as co-chair of the Labor and Commerce Committee in support of Senate Bill 24, Senator Wilson's bill allowing for remote corporate meetings. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lapsing of the statewide emergency order, this bill is very important.

By way of example, NANA Regional Corporation is required by its bylaws to hold its annual meeting between February 1 and April 30 each year, and the annual meeting must be held in the NANA Region (ie. the Northwest Arctic Borough). Due to COVID-19, it is just not feasible or safe to hold an in-person annual shareholder meeting in the NANA Region at this time. NANA scheduled its upcoming annual meeting for the end of March and designated it as a remote meeting, relying on the statewide emergency order and Governor Dunleavy's emergency order allowing for remote meetings during the pandemic. With the expiration of the emergency orders, there is no provision in Alaska law for remote shareholder meetings. This leaves companies struggling to honor their duties to their shareholders while still complying with the law and keeping people safe.

I was very happy to see that the bill includes an immediate effective date and retroactivity clause to protect corporations like NANA that have no choice but to hold their meetings this winter/spring.

I know you all have a lot on your plate, but please consider advancing this bill as expeditiously as possible to allow Alaskan companies to hold their mandatory meetings in a safe and inclusive manner. I'm happy to discuss this with you if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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