



**February 17, 2021**

**Board of Directors  
Chair**

Nathan McCowan  
President/CEO St.  
George Tanaq Corp.

TO: Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

RE: Support for SB 24  
[Sent via email]

**Vice-Chair**

Jana Turvey  
President/CEO  
Lesnoi

Honorable members of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee:

The Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) represents the 177 remaining Alaska Native Village and Urban Corporations created under The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). These organizations – created by Congress – represent over 130,000 Alaska Native People and their families.

**Treasurer**

Chuck Totemoff  
President/CEO  
Chenega Corporation

We write to you in support of **SB. 24**, a bill that extends Alaska Corporations ability to hold virtual annual meetings in times of uncertainty. The Governor's Emergency order allowing virtual meetings has expired, and we need a solution sooner rather than later.

**Secretary**

Nancy Andrew  
CEO  
St Mary's Native Corp.

Without the ability to properly plan for virtual meetings, our members are left wondering how they will ensure the safety of their shareholders during a global pandemic and meetings it obligations for in-person annual meetings under State law.

ANVCA supports **SB 24** and its extension of the option to hold virtual meetings, it is vital that this legislation gets passed in this year, as uncertainty continues to surround us.

**Board Members**

Melissa Kookesh  
Chairwoman  
Kootznoowoo Inc.

We look forward to working with your staff and the committee to remedy this issue.

Cameron Poindexter  
President/CEO  
Choggiung Inc.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Shockley  
President/CEO  
Bean Ridge Native Corp.

Hallie L. Bissett  
Executive Director

Dena Sommer-Pedebone  
President/CEO  
Gana-A'Yoo Ltd.

ANVCA is a 501 (c) 6 nonprofit organization.  
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Anne Thomas  
President  
Chitina Native Corp.