

From: [Henry's Alaska](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fwd: SB 170 - Action Needed
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:42:54 PM

I agree with all of these sample letters.
I've been selling pull tabs since 1988 helping several non profits.
Paper pull tabs have gone up in price greatly reducing the net profits, with no end in sight.
Several times in the past we have been promised options but none were ever provided.
This solution would help the non profits a great deal
thanks for the opportunity to speak to you.
Raymond LeGrue
Henry's Great Alaskan Restaurant
Kodiak, Alaska
established in 1957

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From: **Portland Sarantopoulos** <psarantopoulos@alaskacharr.ccsend.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 3:12 PM
Subject: SB 170 - Action Needed
To: <henrysalaska@gmail.com>



SB 170 - Action Needed!

Senate Bill 170 is scheduled for invited testimony tomorrow, **Tuesday, February 24** at 9:00am.

SB 170 is, "An Act relating to gaming; relating to bingo; relating to pull-tabs and electronic pull-tab systems; and providing for an effective date."

We ***strongly encourage*** you to send written testimony to the Senate Finance Committee in support of this bill. We recommend sending this by the end of today to ensure it is received prior to the start of tomorrow's hearing.

Below are five examples of emails that you can send to the Senate Finance Committee in support of SB 170. Please feel free to use these as is or change to reflect your own voice.

Letters of support can be **emailed** directly to the Senate Finance Committee (sfin@akleg.gov).

Alaska CHARR's **Government Affairs Committee** works to evaluate member's concerns, needs and input. If you have areas of concern, please get a hold of the CHARR office or a GAC member so we can address your issue.

Sample Emails

Email 1 - bar owner

Subject: Support SB 170 to Strengthen Alaska's Small Businesses and Charities

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As the owner of a small neighborhood bar in [City], I am writing to express my support for SB 170. Pull-tabs are an important part of our business and help us partner with local charities that depend on this revenue. Expanding pull-tabs to include electronic tablet pull-tabs will help increase overall participation and generate more funds for the non-profits we proudly support.

The Minnesota model has shown that electronic pull-tabs grow revenue for both electronic and traditional paper games, benefiting everyone involved, including the state. This legislation is truly a rising tide that lifts all boats. SB 170 will help small businesses like mine remain viable while increasing support for Alaska's charities and public revenue. I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

Email 2 - restaurant/bar owner

Subject: Please Support SB 170

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,
Our restaurant and lounge relies on pull-tab activity as an important part of our

business, and it also helps generate essential funds for local charitable partners. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs, which will help modernize charitable gaming and increase overall revenue.

States like Minnesota have seen growth in both electronic and paper pull-tab sales after allowing e-tabs. This means more revenue for charities, more support for local businesses, and more revenue for the state. This bill represents a positive step forward for Alaska's economy and charitable community. I urge you to support SB 170.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

Email 3 - restaurant/bar owner – doesn't sell pull tabs currently

Subject: Please Support SB 170

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Profit margins in the restaurant/bar business are slim and our business is under pressure from rising costs. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs, which will give us another product to offer our customers. Not only will it help our business, it will modernize charitable gaming, making it easier for us to participate in, and increase revenue to charities.

This bill represents a positive step forward for Alaska's economy and charitable community. I urge you to support SB 170.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

Email 4 – Family-Owned business

Subject: Support for SB 170

Dear Senate Finance Committee members,
Our family-owned tavern depends on pull-tab activity as part of our overall business, and we are proud to support local non-profits that benefit from this revenue. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs, which will increase revenue opportunities for both businesses and charitable partners.

Minnesota's experience shows that electronic pull-tabs increase revenue across the board, including traditional paper pull-tabs. This bill will help strengthen small businesses like ours, increase funding for charities, and provide additional revenue for the state. Please support SB 170.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

Email 5 – Business Owner

Subject: Please Vote Yes on SB 170

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Our hospitality business depends on pull-tab revenue as part of our overall operation, and we value the partnerships we have with charitable organizations. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs in the form of tablets which will help increase revenue potential and modernize charitable gaming in Alaska. Many of our younger patrons prefer an electronic option to the traditional paper pull-tabs. We are failing our charities and businesses by not allowing industry modernization. The time is now!

Other states like Minnesota have demonstrated that this approach increases revenue for both electronic and traditional paper pull-tabs, benefiting charities, businesses, and the state. This bill is a rising tide that lifts all boats and will help ensure continued economic stability for small businesses like ours. I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

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