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The Honorable Bill Wielechowski, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska Capitol, Room 101
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: HB 129 (Gruenberg)—Support

Dear Chair Wielechowski:

On behalf of the members of AARP in Alaska, we encourage you and your colleagues on the Senate State Affairs Committee to support HB 129, authored by Representative Max Gruenberg and co-sponsored by Representatives Lynn, Gara, Costello, Kawasaki, Guttenberg, Kerttula and Johnson.

HB 129 would offer death certificates for a deceased veteran without a fee.

As you know, Alaska has the highest per capita number of veterans in the United States. AARP is proud that we have a large number of veterans in our membership in Alaska.

Providing copies of death certificates to the survivors in a veteran's family is one more way that we can recognize their service and one more way to thank their families.

We urge an "AYE" vote on HB 129.

Should you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact me (586-3637) or Patrick Luby, AARP Advocacy Director (907-762-3314).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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