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Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson
State Capitol Room 118
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Gray-Jackson,

I am writing to express Make Us Visible Alaska's enthusiastic support for Senate Bill 6, "requiring education in the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders."

Last year, we saw an outpouring of support for its predecessor bill, Senate Bill 131, from Asian American and Pacific Islander community members, AAPI-serving organizations, and allies from across our great state. Our community was energized by the unanimous passing of the bill through the Senate State Affairs Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Senate Floor, and House Education Committee. As Senate Bill 6 is a continuation of this effort, we reaffirm our commitment to providing research, resources, and expertise on implementing education programs highlighting AAPI history.

As Alaskans who care deeply about comprehensive education, we believe it is crucial for all students to learn about the diversity and cultural heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in shaping the history of our state and our country. We see education as a means to foster greater understanding and to combat hate, bullying, and violence. With Senate Bill 6, we are hopeful future generations can be proud of their culture and be empowered by this knowledge.

Thank you for your leadership in continuing to champion the integration of AAPI history education in Alaska K-12 schools. We look forward to working together in ensuring the success of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shayne Nuesca'.

Shayne Nuesca
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