



Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
(Nay'dini'aa Na' Kayax)

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Ref: Support of House Bill 384

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Good morning, Chair and members of the House Tribal Affairs Committee,

My name is Donna Anthony, and I serve as the Chief of Police for Chickaloon. I have over 20 years of law enforcement experience, having worked with local, state, and federal agencies. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 384.

Our Chickaloon Police Department and Tribal Court system operate at a high professional standard. We maintain an FBI ORI number and receive funding through the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and COPS grants. Providing victim-centered services, including advocacy, is not only a priority for our community, but also part of our grant deliverables—reflecting the level of responsibility and accountability we carry in serving and protecting our community.

The Alaska Constitution guarantees victims the right to be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness, and to be protected throughout the criminal justice process. In my experience, those rights only have real meaning when survivors feel safe enough to come forward and seek help.

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Chief of Police

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Police Officer I

Throughout my career, I have seen firsthand how critical it is for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to feel safe when seeking help. Victim advocates play an essential role by providing confidential support, crisis intervention, and guidance during some of the most difficult moments in a survivor's life.

However, under current Alaska law, tribal victim advocates do not have the same confidentiality protections as those working for private or local government organizations. This creates a serious gap. Survivors who seek help through tribal services may have their communications subject to disclosure, which can discourage them from reaching out at all.

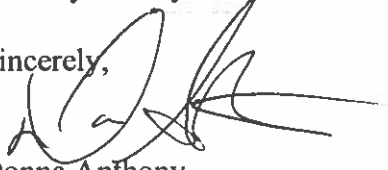
House Bill 384 provides a simple and necessary fix by extending these protections to include tribal governments. This ensures that all advocates can provide the same level of confidentiality, regardless of where they are employed.

From a law enforcement perspective, trust is essential. When survivors feel safe accessing advocacy services, they are more likely to seek help and begin the path toward safety and healing.

I strongly support House Bill 384 because it strengthens protections for victims, supports our communities, and helps ensure equitable protections for all—supporting ALL Alaskans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DA', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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