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Representative DeLena Johnson  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Room 500  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for House Bill 202 – Giant Cabbage as the Official State Vegetable

Dear Representative Johnson,

As Director of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension (IANRE), I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 202, which proposes to designate the Giant Cabbage as Alaska's official State Vegetable.

IANRE has a long and proud history of serving Alaska's agricultural community through research, education, and outreach. We have witnessed firsthand the unique agricultural potential of our state and the remarkable achievements of Alaskan farmers. The giant cabbage, particularly those showcased at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, is a powerful symbol of this potential and these achievements.

Recognizing the giant cabbage as the official State vegetable would provide an opportunity to further highlight the importance of agriculture to Alaska's economy, culture, and history. Giant cabbages serve as a point of pride for all Alaskans and naming this wonder of the midnight sun could inspire increased interest in local food production and agricultural careers for future generations.

The giant cabbage is a living testament to the unique characteristics of Alaska and the skill of our farmers. Designating it as the official state vegetable is a fitting tribute to our agricultural legacy and a celebration of our present-day agricultural successes. For these reasons, the University of Alaska Fairbanks Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension strongly urges your support for House Bill 202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodie M. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodie M. Anderson