

Dear Senator Elvy Gray-Jackson,

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The recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month would not only celebrate our history and the relevance of our community but also provide an opportunity to educate future generations about the diverse cultural influences shaping Alaska. It would encourage cultural exchange, foster mutual understanding, and create spaces for dialogue that strengthen the bonds between Alaskans of all backgrounds.

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February 22, 2025

Dear Senator Elvy Gray-Jackson,

We are writing to express our strong support for SB40, which aims to officially recognize Hispanic Heritage Month in Alaska. As proud members of the Hispanic/Latino community, we believe this legislation is a vital step toward acknowledging the invaluable contributions of Hispanic and Latino Alaskans to our state's history, economy, and cultural fabric.

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Currently, Latino businesses are a vital part of Alaska's economy, with nearly 3,000 Latino-owned companies employing thousands of workers and contributing millions of dollars to the state. Our community is the second-largest cultural group in the state, after Alaska Natives.

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We would like to urge your colleagues to support this important legislation. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to making Alaska a place that values and recognizes all its communities. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further if necessary and look forward to seeing this bill become law.

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