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Senate State Affairs

Subject:

Support for Senate Bill 64

To the State Affairs Committee,

As a lifelong Alaskan and current resident of Anchorage, I am writing to voice my support for SB 64. During my 60+ years in Alaska, I have lived in a variety of communities, from Metlakatla to Soldotna, and have seen firsthand the unique needs of Alaskans and the challenges our environment can present when it comes to voting.

The primary objective of any voter registration legislation should be to provide all eligible citizens with accessible and secure voting options.

SB 64 achieves this by ensuring that ballots submitted on time but delayed in the mail are not discarded, by implementing a ballot-curing process that allows voters to correct honest mistakes, and by eliminating the ineffective witness signature requirement in favor of a more reliable signature matching system. Additionally, allowing same-day voter registration and preregistration at age 16 would increase participation among younger and lower-income voters.

Thank you for your efforts to improve Alaska's elections.

Sincerely,

Jody Overstreet