



February 26, 2024

Senator Donny Olson  
State Capitol Room 508  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: ANTHC Support of Senate Bill 151

Senator Olson,

On behalf of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), I write in support of Senate Bill (SB) 151. ANTHC is a statewide tribal health organization serving all 229 tribes and all Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people in Alaska. ANTHC provides a wide range of statewide public health, community health, environmental health, and other programs and services for Alaska Native people and their communities. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation operate programs at the Alaska Native Medical Center, the statewide tertiary care hospital for all AN/AI people in Alaska, under the terms of Public Law 105-83.

Alaska has some of the highest rates of homicide, domestic violence, and sexual assault in the United States, with Alaska Native women making up a disproportionate number of victims in each of these categories. Despite these high rates of violence, relatively few resources are dedicated to addressing the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP). From alarming gaps in data collection to woefully insufficient public safety personnel training, Alaska lacks the needed tools and expertise to confront this multifaceted challenge.

SB 151 raises needed awareness to issues specific to MMIP, while also providing long overdue resources to the Department of Public Safety needed to protect Alaskans in a meaningful and sustainable way.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [mmartin@anthc.org](mailto:mmartin@anthc.org) or 907-365-9334 with any questions or if additional information can be provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique R. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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