



March 25, 2025

To: House State Affairs Committee

From: Emily Leak-Michie, Executive Director of the Alaska Voter Hub

Re: Support for HB-16

Dear Honorable Alaska Representatives:

The Alaska Voter Hub is a coalition of 25 Alaska-based nonprofits and community groups working together to strengthen democracy through the collective power of voting. With a diverse group of partner organizations, the Voter Hub has a broad statewide reach of tens of thousands of Alaskan voters in all corners of the state. Through voter engagement and non-partisan education we empower Alaskans in every community to participate in elections at every level. Our work aims to address any undue barriers facing Alaskans at the ballot box creating a voting system that is fully accessible to all Alaskan voters. We seek to ensure that all eligible Alaskans — whatever their political persuasion — can exercise their right to vote and that all valid votes are counted. We believe that if all eligible Alaskans are able to exercise their right to vote, the democratic process can flourish.

We are writing to express our support for HB-16, Establishing Campaign Finance Contribution Limits.

Alaska currently does not impose campaign contribution limits, which leaves our state and local elections susceptible to outside and unrestricted funding. This is despite the fact that Alaskans have historically supported financial equity in our election systems. House Bill 16 is an opportunity for state law to reflect what Alaskans prioritize and care about. Additionally, implementing campaign finance limits would ensure that our democratic process is accessible, equitable, and protected from the influences of large wealthy special interests. The involvement of money in our elections is an undue and unfair barrier for everyday Alaskans who run for public office but lack significant financial resources. Every person has the right to run for public office, but because of the role money plays in our elections, not everyone has an equal opportunity.

Thank you to this committee for the hard work making Alaska's elections work for everyone. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

In gratitude,

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