

> Dear MS Gatti,

> I have been publishing on the critically endangered state of Alaska Native Languages since the first publication of my map defining them in 1974, including actual numbers of remaining speakers. Finally there's the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council (ANLPAC), and their new report on those numbers, page 8 of their 2018 report, at last recognizing the crisis. In part due to a tendency to keep low profile on those numbers (e.g. ANLC's latest version of my map, eliminating those numbers entirely), even ANLPAC's numbers sometimes do not show quite how grave the situation is, especially how old those speakers are in addition to how few. For example, Tanana Athabaskan now has one fluent speaker, Sarah Silas of Minto, age 93.

> I strongly support recognition and action for Alaska Native Languages in this crisis. If there is any way I can help you or Representative Ortiz with this bill please let me know.

> Sincerely, Michael Krauss