



SEALASKA HERITAGE

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Dear Senator Gray-Jackson,

My name is Rosita Worl and, I serve as president of the Sealaska Heritage Institute. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 6, an act requiring education in the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

I have been a lifelong resident of the State of Alaska, and I am a parent, grandparent and aunt to many mestizos, who are part Native and Asian Americans. A significant number of Alaska Natives have Asian and Pacific Islander heritage. Asian Americans contributed to the historical development of Alaska.... many arriving to work in the gold mines and salmon canneries. Many married Alaskans and made Alaska their home. They have made Alaska richer with their traditional customs and languages and are outstanding citizens. Their history and contributions should also be included in Alaska's education.

I urge you to support SB 6.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President