



April 7, 2025

The Honorable Senator Scott Kawasaki
Alaska State Capitol
120 4th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Kawasaki,

I am writing on behalf of the Mat-Su Health Foundation (MSHF) to express our strong support for SB 129, an act establishing a 30-day deadline for the payment of contracts under the State Procurement Code and setting deadlines for the payment of grants, contracts, and reimbursement agreements to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations.

The MSHF is deeply invested and dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of our community, and we recognize the critical importance of timely payments for services rendered. SB 129 addresses a significant issue that affects many nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations, including those we fund and collaborate with. The establishment of a payment deadline will ensure that these entities receive the funds they need to continue their vital work without unnecessary delays.

Timely payments are essential for the financial stability of nonprofit organizations. Delays in payment can disrupt operations, hinder project progress, and create financial strain. SB 129 will help provide a reliable payment schedule, allowing these entities to plan and execute their programs effectively.

Our organization has witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations due to delayed payments. Through our partnerships and initiatives, we have worked tirelessly to support these entities in their efforts to provide critical services to our communities. The passage of SB 129 will provide much-needed support and resources to amplify these efforts and create lasting, positive change.

We believe that SB 129 is a necessary and beneficial measure that will greatly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations. We urge the legislature to pass this bill and support the timely payment of contracts and grants.

Thank you for considering our perspective and for your commitment to improving the financial stability and operational efficiency of organizations that serve our community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ripley
President and CEO