



**CALISTA CORPORATION**  
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**February 28, 2018**

**Honorable Members of the Alaska Legislature  
Alaska State Capital Building  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99801**

**Dear Alaska Legislature:**

The Calista Corporation would like to express its support of HB 367, which would Amend AS 46.03.822 to clarify that Alaska Native Corporations that received contaminated sites as part of their ANCSA settlement lands are *not legally liable* for prior contamination that existed at the time of transfer.

Calista Corporation represents 25,000 A, B, C, and D class shareholders within our 56 villages created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Lifting the current language of "strict liability" for our member corporations will allow us to pursue lawful and rightfully owed remediation funds that were not available prior to land transfer. The Red Devil mercury mine site is well known in the Calista Region, which is currently in the feasibility study stage by the BLM for site remediation and removal of hazardous substances. Calista and our associated villages with land selections co-located at this area, appreciates these clean-up efforts and wishes the same opportunity for remedial efforts for other Alaska Native Regional Corporations.

Additionally, we wish to create a skilled environmental remediation labor pool for our Environmental Services subsidiary, Brice Inc. for our shareholders who reside in rural Alaska where jobs are desperately needed.

Calista Corporation appreciates your work on behalf of our State. If I can offer any assistance or answer any further questions, the Calista Land and Natural Resource Department can be reached at 907-273-2800.

**Respectfully,**

**Rosie Barr**

**Vice President of Land and Natural Resources**



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Re: HB 367

Chugach Alaska Corporation (Chugach) is an Alaska Native Regional Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. As an Alaska Native corporation, we serve the interests of the Alaska Native people of the Chugach region and represent more than 2,500 shareholders. Our family of businesses employ more than 5,000 people, including 600 Alaskans, around the world. We believe that people matter most, from our shareholders to our customers to our employees. We strive to provide people opportunities for success, while promoting the cultural values of the Chugach people.

Chugach supports the SB 202, which would Amend AS 46.03.822 to clarify that Alaska Native Corporations that received contaminated sites as part of their ANCSA settlement lands are not legally liable for prior contamination that existed at the time of transfer.

Lifting the legal liability of our member corporations will allow us to begin to pursue clean-up funds that were not available to us previously. We wish to create well-paying highly skilled clean-up jobs in rural Alaska where jobs are desperately needed.

Chugach again thanks you for your work on behalf of our State. If I can offer any assistance or answer any further questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Josie Hickel  
President  
Chugach Commercial Holdings



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Dear Alaska Legislature,

Tyonek Native Corporation (TNC) would like to express its support of HB 367, which would Amend AS 46.03.822 to clarify that Alaska Native Corporations that received contaminated sites as part of their ANCSA settlement lands are not legally liable for prior contamination that existed at the time of transfer.

TNC represents 916 Shareholders for the Native Village of Tyonek, Alaska created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

Lifting the legal liability of our member corporations will allow us to begin to pursue clean-up funds that were not available to us previously. We wish to create well-paying highly skilled clean-up jobs in rural Alaska where jobs are desperately needed.

TNC again thanks you for your work on behalf of our State. If I can offer any assistance or answer any further questions, my direct line is 907.646.3104.

Respectfully,

Leo Barlow, CEO  
Tyonek Native Corporation