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Honorable Members of the Alaska Legislature
Alaska State Capital Building
P.O. Box 110001
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Via Electronic Mail To: Lizzie.Kubitz@akleg.gov

Re: HB 367 (ANCSA Land Liability Act)

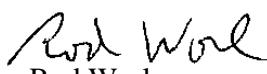
Dear Alaska Legislature:

The Eyak Corporation (Eyak), is the Alaska Native Village Corporation for the Eastern Prince William Sound, Cordova, and Copper River area established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 ("ANCSA"). Like many Alaska Native Corporations, Eyak received contaminated lands as part of its ANCSA settlement and faces potential legal exposure associated with that prior-existing contamination. We write this letter in support of Amendment Number One submitted by Representative Claman to HB 367, the ANCSA Land Liability Act.

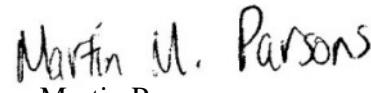
Alaska Native Corporations should not face legal exposure for lands that were contaminated at the time of conveyance. Nor should the corporations have to incur significant costs to "prove" that the land was contaminated prior to conveyance. Amendment Number One addresses this shortcoming and we urge its adoption. We have also reviewed Amendments Number Two and Three. We are concerned that Amendment Number Two would be a significant change to current law and is unlikely to pass. We believe the proposed changes in Amendment Number Three are adequately covered by Amendment Number One.

We are grateful to the Alaska Legislature for taking on the issue of ANCSA contaminated lands.

Sincerely,
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