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**To:** Senate Education  
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Dear Senate Education Committee,  
Here is my testimony on SB #210.

Hello, my name is Hailey Gundersen, and I am from Sand Point. I am testifying on Bill SB #210. SB #210 is very important, and has many positive impacts to the people of Alaska. As you may know. SB #210 focuses on the understanding and appreciation of the culture of Alaska Natives and American Indians. That focus is important to me because knowing my origins and who I am can assist me in many situations. For example, knowing who I am and what my goals are can help me make the right decisions that will lead to what is important to me and my culture. In my school, we don't have many chances to learn about our culture. That can negatively impact my peers and I by causing missed opportunities. We can miss many insights and lessons that can connect us with our family and community. In addition to its importance to me, SB #210 can be very important to the entire state of Alaska. SB #210 can make sure cultures and their languages aren't forgotten. That is important because it ensures that the foundation of the state's identity is remembered and continued throughout the future of our state. Bill SB #210 creates a sense of belonging for students, opportunities for connection, and ensures our state's identity. So overall, Bill SB #210 is very important to me, my community, and the entire state. I greatly support this bill.

Thank you for your time,  
Hailey Gundersen  
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