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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Response to the State Affairs committee meeting on HB 3, held March 14, 2013:

- 1) The focus of committee testimony was primarily on one type of voting fraud – those who vote in more than one state. This type isn't as widespread as voter registration fraud is. According to the Pew Institute, the two greatest areas of Voter Fraud are absentee voting fraud and voter registration fraud. (<http://www.pewstates.org/research/analysis/election-fraud-85899414756>)
- 2) The intent to return versus the intent to live in Alaska is the heart of our local problems. Some of our local registered voters intend to **return to work** seasonally in Alaska, but not **to live** in Alaska.
- 3) Many at the committee hearing spoke of the fear of disenfranchising a single voter. Legitimately registered Alaskan voters in Elfin Cove are already being disenfranchised by registered voters who do not live in our state.

Statistics of the issue:

- 1) Elfin Cove has 20 year-round residents, yet we have 67 registered voters.
(Sources: 2010 US Census and AK Dept. of Elections Voter Registration Records for Elfin Cove)
- 2) Alaska has 488k registered voters, yet only 465K voting age residents. This assumes 100% voter registration.
http://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/hava/StatePlan_6.30.2010_FINAL_to_EAC.pdf
- 3) The above noted statistic shows this is a State-wide issue, not just an Elfin Cove issue.

Illustrations of the problem:

Two Elfin Cove seasonal business owners are good examples of voter registration fraud. Neither have ever lived in the State of Alaska and make no claim of residency except for voter registration.

- **Joe Kulavik** (Community of Elfin Cove Nonprofit Corp.(CECNPC) Director 2005-2012-position requires an AK voter card). He was identified as a Vancouver, WA resident in the AK State Trooper's April 2010 press release concerning his business's fishing violations conviction. (http://deckboss-thebrig.blogspot.com/2010_04_01_archive.html) Kulavik lists his address as 7419 NE 14th St, Vancouver, WA on corporate filings for his two Elfin Cove businesses: Elfin Cove Eagle Charters Alaska, LLC (AK- LLC) (<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/CBP/Main/CorporationDetail.aspx?id=63246D>) and Cross Sound Lodge, LLC (WA- LLC) (http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/search_detail.aspx?ubi=602667252). Also the address listed on his Non-resident AK Hand Troll permit for 2011 and 2012 (<http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/>) and shown on Clark County, WA property records(<http://gis.clark.wa.gov/gishome/Property/?action=ACCOUNT&account=37912866>). Kulavik has been an Alaskan voter since 11/2007 using Eagle Charters' business address- P.O. Box 77, Elfin Cove, AK as his mailing address on the voter registration list. (AK Dept. of Elections records)
- Out-of-state business owners registering to vote in Alaska has become a pattern in Elfin Cove. The latest example is **Kelly Crump**, who joined the voter rolls in June 2012. The address, 283 Spencer Way, Farmington, Utah 84025, is listed on AK corporate filings for his Northern Star Lodge, LLC (formed 12/2/2010) as both the mailing and physical addresses (<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/CBP/Main/CorporationDetail.aspx?id=131871>) and again for the newly formed Water's Edge Lodge, LLC (formed 2/12/2013)(<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/CBP/Main/CorporationDetail.aspx?id=10010616>). This is Crump's home residence (<http://www.daviscountyutah.gov/treasurer/taxresult.cfm?serialnum=70640027>). Crump gives the Utah address as his mailing address on the 2012 AK voter registration list, and the lodge he leased for the 2012 season as his physical address. (AK Dept. of Elections records)
- Tanaku Lodge partners and brothers-in-law, **Dennis Meier** and **James Benton**, were recently arraigned and are awaiting trial next week (4/8/2013) for filing false residency information on fish and game applications and unsworn falsification on forms. Benton faces (23) counts and Meier faces (8) counts (<http://www.courtrecords.alaska.gov/eservices/home.page.7>). Both have had AK voter cards since the mid-1990s (AK Dept. of Elections records). Benton was a past chairman and Meier is the current Chairman of the CECNPC. The troopers have forwarded their voter registration case to the Division of Elections. What will the Division of Elections do if these men are declared non-residents?
- The 2011 and 2012 voter lists for Elfin Cove contains a dozen out-of-state residents that are using their business addresses to obtain voter cards. They, and their families, have never lived in Elfin Cove or the State of Alaska other than the few months of summer to run their businesses.
- What does it take to really be considered an Alaskan resident? Does it simply mean an "intent to return" with only the purchase of a share of a business and being in the state but a few months a year? This seems to be the criteria used with the "small businesses" operating in our communities. If this is so, what will stop a large special interest group (or a collection of them) from starting a LLC and selling shares to their members. After these "owners" take a 30 day vacation to the Last Frontier they could register as voters using the LLC's address as their residence address. This voting block could, in selected districts, control the future of the development of large projects like mines and drilling prospects. Using Elfin Cove's District 34 as an example, just 12,500 voters could guarantee the election of their own "Representative" even if all the voters in the last election voted against them. These issues affect all Alaskans...please strengthen the voter process.

Thank you, **Alaskans for Alaska**