



**LEADER** in All We Do

April 1, 2013

The Honorable Wes Keller  
The Honorable Bob Lynn  
House of Representatives  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representatives:

Doyon, Limited is the Native Regional Corporation for Alaska's Interior. We have just over 18,600 shareholders; roughly 25% live outside of Fairbanks, but within the Interior region. On behalf of our shareholders, this letter is written to express our concerns regarding House Bill 3 (HB 3).

Doyon, Limited has long participated in a non-partisan effort to increase voter registration and voter turnout, educate shareholders on why voting matters and inform voters of candidate positions and ballot initiatives. This Get out the Native Vote effort (GOTNV) includes partnerships across our region and our state.

Within the GOTNV effort, we acknowledged that early voting opportunities are more likely to be available in urban areas; we acknowledge there is a digital divide between urban and rural citizens, and furthermore that there are challenges facing rural Alaska around mail delivery. These are serious issues Alaska's rural resident's face as they exercise their right to vote. Doyon's concern is that if HB 3 were to be enacted, it would create further unnecessary barriers for our rural Alaskan shareholders as they exercise their right to vote.

Furthermore, our shareholder base includes thousands of others who have transitioned, or are transitioning into urban hubs. Approximately a quarter of our shareholders are based in Fairbanks, and over 10 percent of our shareholders are Anchorage based. Many have not updated their voter registration since moving, which would reflect their new residency. This bill also negatively impacts these shareholders as they engage in federal and state elections.

Doyon, Limited believes that the challenges posed by this legislation do not outweigh the benefit of blocking the small potential for voter fraud. Doyon, Limited opposes the mandate for more voter identification requirements and hopes you will consider the implications to rural Alaska set forth in HB 3. We thank you for your service to our state and for your time in considering this letter.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Schutt  
President and CEO

Cc: House Judiciary Members