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10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

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Dear Alaska Legislator,

I am writing to support HB 200. There are good families that want to take care of children in need. Children need to be adopted to feel a sense of belonging and permanency. Our Alaska Native children need to stay within our culture as much as possible.

Utilizing this bill to change the existing cumbersome State statute means it will be easier to adopt children and also less of an administrative burden on the State of Alaska. Please pass this bill to support our traditional families' ability to adopt and take care of our children.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Henrichs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Henrichs" clearly legible.

Robert Henrichs
Tribal Council President
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