





Eskimo Walrus Commission  
 "To protect the pacific walrus population."

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- Little Diomedea
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- Mekoryuk
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- Point Lay
- Savoonga
- Shishmaref
- Stebbins
- Unalakleet
- Wainwright
- Wales

March 15, 2017

Senator Donny Olson  
 Senate Capitol Room 510  
 Juneau, AK 99801


Dear Senator Olson,

Thank you for introducing Senate Joint Resolution 4 (SJR4) that urges "Alaska Congressional delegation to introduce legislation to provide exemption of legally acquired ivory." This is wonderful to hear.

Eskimo Walrus Commission (EWC) wholeheartedly supports SJR4 as EWC advocates for protecting the livelihood of Alaska Native residents and artists who rely on marine mammal products including walrus ivory in their arts and handicrafts. As we all know, the economic importance of walrus ivory is critical to Alaska Native communities. I believe SJR4 makes a strong statement of support by the State Legislature and necessary step to encourage the Alaska Congressional delegation to protect Alaska Native cultural and economic dependence on Arctic marine mammals.

Thank you for your continuing work on our behalf.

Sincerely,

  
 Vera Metcalf, Director  
 Eskimo Walrus Commission

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