

Alaska Regional Coalition

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April 11, 2017

The Honorable John Coghill
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Coghill and Alaska Senators and Representatives,

The Alaska Regional Coalition is a consortium of 5 Native regional tribal nonprofits representing 75,000 Alaskans from Kotzebue to Ketchikan. We came together 3 years ago to ensure that Lawmakers were provided with the information they need to make informed decisions about Alaska regional nonprofits and the 75,000 people we serve. We write today to urge your favorable consideration of Jahna Lindmuth and confirmation of her appointment as Attorney General.

Every so often an attorney comes along who is universally recognized as possessing the jurisprudence to fairly uphold the rule of law and supremely qualified as an administrator. Acting Attorney General Jahna Lindemuth personifies those attributes.

General Lindemuth is a respected attorney with 18 years of experience on Alaska's courts. Ms. Lindemuth is respected by her peers within the judicial system -- judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys. In fact, she was recognized as one of Alaska's "the most qualified applicants" when there was an opening on the Alaska Supreme Court last year. Notably, Ms. Lindemuth's highest ratings on the Alaska Judicial Council's Selection Survey Technical Report were for Professional Competence and Integrity. We believe that this speaks volumes.

Ms. Lindemuth is known as a strong litigator who is both respectful and ethical. The National Association of Attorneys General notes that her work brought her before the Alaska Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on many occasions, helping to hone her skills in legal research, writing, and oral argument. She also donated many hours providing pro bono legal services to clients who could not afford an attorney. Her legal resume is impeccable. Born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, Ms. Lindemuth obtained her Juris Doctor from University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall School of Law) in 1997, graduating Order of the Coif, and clerked for the Honorable Robert L. Eastaugh on the Alaska Supreme Court from 1997 to 1998. Ms. Lindemuth served on the Alaska Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee for more than 10 years, the Alaska Bar's Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Committee for several years, and was co-chair of the Appellate Law Section of the Alaska Bar before being named attorney general.



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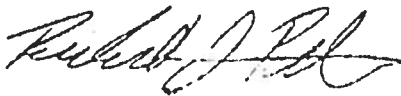
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Further, Ms. Lindemuth's experience in private practice, in particular as managing partner of Dorsey & Whitney Anchorage's law office for seven years, means that she is both capable of overseeing a large staff and is also of inspiring leadership in others, mentoring younger attorneys, and ensuring that the Department of Law will be more than the sum of its parts.

Ms. Lindemuth is an honorable Alaskan who will serve her state with distinction. We ask that you confirm her appointment.

Respectfully,



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