



SITNASUAK
NATIVE CORPORATION

March 7, 2018

The Honorable Senators Hoffman & Olson
The Honorable Representatives Millett, Tuck, Edgmon & Foster

Support for SB 202 & HB 367

Dear Senators and Representatives:

On behalf of the Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC), I am writing to express our support for SB 202 and HB 367. Both bills would Amend AS 46.03.822 to clarify Alaska Native Corporations that received contaminated sites as part of their Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) settlement lands are not legally liable for prior contamination that existed at the time of transfer.

As an introduction, SNC is one of the Alaska Native corporations created in 1971 under ANCSA. SNC is proudly headquartered in Nome, Alaska, with operations in Nome, Anchorage, Wasilla, Fairbanks, California, Virginia Beach and Puerto Rico. Today, SNC is the largest of 16 village corporations in the Bering Straits region with over \$130 million in annual revenues. SNC is owned by and represents approximately 2,900 Alaska Native shareholders and entitled to 242,544.09 acres.

Clarifying and limiting the legal liability of our Alaska Native corporations will ensure our Alaskan entities and people can begin and pursue appropriate clean-up activities and federal Brownfield funds that were not available to us previously. We support preserving our lands and creating well-paying highly skilled clean-up jobs in rural Alaska where jobs are desperately needed.

Quyaana / thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Ukallaysaaq, Vice-President of Corporate Affairs, at (907) 387-1200.

Sincerely,

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