



Honorable Members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature  
Alaska State Capital Building  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 138

March 26, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

Chugach Alaska Corporation (Chugach) is an Alaska Native Regional Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. As an Alaska Native corporation, we serve the interests of the Alaska Native people of the Chugach region and represent more than 2,500 shareholders. Our family of businesses employ more than 6,000 people, including 600 Alaskans, around the world. We believe that people matter most, from our shareholders to our customers to our employees. We strive to provide people opportunities for success, while promoting the cultural values of the Chugach people.

Chugach supports HB 138, which would permanently designate March as Sobriety Awareness Month in Alaska. Dedicating an entire month to this important issue will encourage Alaskans to celebrate and promote sobriety through educational and awareness activities and celebrations.

Substance abuse in Alaska is a major issue, particularly in rural areas where many of our shareholders continue to live and work. Sobriety Awareness Month will give Alaskans – and Chugach – the opportunity to formally recognize and celebrate the positive impact of sobriety on our people and our communities.

Chugach again thanks you for your work on behalf of our State. If I can offer any assistance or answer any further questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Sheri Buretta  
Chair of the Board  
Chugach Alaska Corporation