Sarah Evans

From: LIO Mat-Su

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 11:16 AM **To:** House Community and Regional Affairs

Subject: Public comment on HB221

From: Arthur Wettanen

Talkeetna, AK 99676

RE: HB221

I'm opposed to this bill, vote no on Alaska recognition of tribal sovereignty. Native Alaskans need to be Alaska and United States Citizens and assimilate into our culture. Tribal sovereignty just assures a welfare collection agency for State and Federal benefits.

Sarah Evans

From:

Rep. Sara Hannan

Sent:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:40 AM

To:

Timothy Clark; Sarah Evans; Rep. Harriet Drummond

Subject:

FW: HB 221 - Public Testimony

Opposition testimony lost in my in box. Sara Hannan

From: Betty Jo Moore <bettyjo.moore@me.com>

Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 5:44 AM

To: Rep. Sara Hannan < Rep. Sara. Hannan@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 221 - Public Testimony

Representative Sara Hannan:

https://www.indianz.com/News/2014/04/14/native-sun-news-eeoc-wont-take.asp

HB 221 violates my U.S. Constitutional Rights and my Civil Rights as described in the Civil Rights Act. Why are tribal governments exempt from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act? This exemption allows horrific and damaging discrimination to individuals within a tribal government. HB 221 does not provide a roadmap for healing, wholeness, and restoration for all Alaska's people and communities. Tribal governments are NOT sovereign. Tribal governments are depended on our tax dollars and on the United States political system.

When a tribal government organization violates their own government constitution, ordinances, bylaws, policies and procedures, and then claim that because of sovereignty they can do whatever they want is wrong.

Sovereignty is Nation to Nation, not Nation to State. Tribal governments do not provide their tribal citizens a roadmap for protection. Why would a tribal government ask the State of Alaska to recognize them?

First, go back to the U.S. Federal Government, amend treaties, laws, and policies and procedures that define a clear roadmap without roadblocks and abrupt dead ends. A roadmap that clearly shows where a tribal citizen's rights shall be protected against discrimination within in a tribal government.

In a booklet authored by Pauline Duncan titled <u>Elizabeth Peratrovich Native Civil Rights Leader</u> Ms. Duncan writes, "Alaska Natives formed the Alaska Native Brotherhood in 1912 to fight for equal rights...Alaska Native Sisterhood, when they led the efforts to make discrimination of Alaska Natives illegal in the State of Alaska." Governor Dunleavy has a copy of the booklet.

Why would the State of Alaska legislatures vote for a bill that does not support civil rights, equality for women and all tribal citizens, protection for tribal citizen to earn a livable wage, etc., within a tribal government? Please vote NO on HB 221.

Thank you.

Betty Jo Moore