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Representative Tiffany Zulkosky
Alaska State Capitol
120 4th Street, Room 416
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: House Bill 123, State Recognition of Tribes

Dear Representative Zulkosky:

Thank you for reaching out regarding House Bill 123, State Recognition of Tribes. You have asked if the Alaska Oil and Gas Association has any concerns with the bill as currently written. This letter serves as our response.

Upon review and after verifying with our membership, AOGA has found nothing of concern in the bill language of House Bill 123 (version A). Alaska Native tribes referenced in the bill are currently recognized by the United States government under federal Indian law. Furthermore, nothing in this legislation appears to relinquish the State of Alaska's authority over particular lands, peoples, or activities, create any additional burdens on the State or private industry, or impact the rights of Alaska Natives as set forth in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act or under other applicable law.

Operating in some of the most remote areas of the State, Alaska's oil and gas industry has long recognized and worked in partnership with Alaska Native tribes, corporations, and communities. Our members hold great respect for Alaska's first people, and through continued responsible resource development, charitable giving, educational support, and environmental stewardship, look forward to continuing strong partnerships with Alaska Native communities for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Moriarty".

Kara Moriarty
President/CEO
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