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To: The Honorable Representatives and Senators of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Alaska  
State Legislature

**Support of House Bill 10, protection of the Unangax  
cemetery at Funter Bay**

The Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 70 -Glacier Valley, supports the passage of House Bill 10, relating to the protection of the social and historical significance of the Unangax cemetery located in Funter Bay and providing for the amendment of the management plan for the Funter Bay marine park unit.

Many of our camp members participated in a potluck and reception hosted by Northern Light United Church Feb. 10, 2020. We listened to elders and leaders from St. George and St. Paul describe what it was like for their parents to be interned at Funter Bay during WWII. They had travelled to Juneau to testify in support of protecting the graves at Funter Bay of their loved ones.

We value our Alaska Native ancestors. The Southeast Traditional Tribal Values speak to "Holding each other up." ANS Camp 70 supports our Unangan brothers and sisters in their pursuit of protection for their ancestors' graves.

We remember that in 1957, the Juneau School District built Gastineau School over T'aaku and other Tlingit graves and in 1964, the USDA Forest Service built a campground over Aak'w graves. Disrespect of our sacred sites bring much pain and sorrow to our people. Further desecration of Alaska Native grave sites must not occur.

Respectfully yours,

Patricia Walker,

ANS Camp 70 President