



May 12, 2021

The Honorable Josiah Patkotak
Alaska State Legislature
House Resources Chair
State Capitol Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chairman Patkotak,

On behalf of our organizations, we submit this letter regarding the legislation *State Lands Sales and Leases - HB 120*.

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Doyon, Limited, and NANA Regional Corporation are three of the twelve Alaska Native Regional corporations created pursuant to the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). Our corporations are owned by and represent the business and ANCSA land management interests of over 47,000 Alaska Native shareholders. Collectively, our corporations own more than 19 million acres of land which was conveyed to us under the mandates of ANCSA. We manage our lands to maximize economic, cultural and subsistence benefits for our shareholders.

While we support the intent of the Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans Land Allotment Amendment to HB 120, we have concerns with language in the overall bill. We will continue to work to understand the intent behind the bill and determine the potential impacts to ANCSA lands and communities in our regions, including whether it could impede the ability of our corporations to meet the mandates of ANCSA.

We request that before you consider moving the bill out of the House Resources Committee, you convene a series of meetings between the State of Alaska, Alaska Native Corporations and others, such as municipal governments, to work through concerns raised and find a path forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation

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Bridget Anderson
VP, External Affairs

Doyon, Limited

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Sarah Obed
Sr. VP, External Affairs

NANA Regional Corporation

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VP, Lands