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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 24, 2022

**TO:** Senator Mike Shower  
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee

**FROM:** Senator Bill Wielechowski 

**SUBJ:** Hearing Request for SB 161

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I respectfully request that SB 161, relating to the definition of political parties, be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate State Affairs Committee. This bill would provide a simple, consistent, and easy to understand threshold for political parties to gain official recognition. Please see the following supporting documents:

- Sponsor statement for SB 161
- SB 161 Version A
- A chart prepared by my office showing how the current threshold fluctuates between elections
- A document prepared by my office listing the political parties who secured ballot access in presidential elections in Alaska between 2000 and 2020

Please do not hesitate to contact me or David Dunsmore of my staff at (907)465-2435 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.