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To: LIO Fairbanks <Lio.Fairbanks@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB123 Comments

Would you please send the message below as indicated. I believe hb123 is now in Senate State Affairs. Could you please check that for me — and confirm when the message is sent. Thanks very much.

To: Fairbanks legislators

Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Mary Bishop, 1555 Gus's Grind, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, 907-455-6151

> Please pass HB 123 and avoid the complications of an initiative vote. However this is, perhaps, an excellent opportunity to slightly amend the proposed statute in order to further reduce conflict— through education. I urge the state to provide an advisory document, which many other states already have, on doing business with tribes and tribal consortia.

> I hope you are aware of the case currently in the Alaska Supreme Court related to this issue. Our state's judicial system in the past few years has dealt with conflicts between tribes themselves, between tribes and tribal members and non-tribal members. I expect to see tribal/municipality conflicts in the future.

> I urge our legislators to take advantage of this opportunity in order to contract, perhaps with a tribal law attorney, for the production of an advisory document on doing business with Alaska tribal entities. Several other states have done this. I urge our residents and legislators to be legitimately and intellectually curious about the sovereign nature of tribes and tribal consortia.

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Support tribal recognition



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To Senate State Affairs



I urge you to support tribal recognition. It is an important step to validating cultures that have been disrespected at the most basic level. Let us as a state lift up our indigenous peoples' voices.

Sincerely,

Diane Herrmann



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To Senate State Affairs



Fri 2/18/2022 10:2

Hello,

I support House Bill 123, Alaska Tribal Recognition. HB 123 justly requires the State of Alaska to acknowledge that federally recognized tribes are sovereign governments. State recognition of tribes will honor the first peoples of this land and the historical, economic, and cultural value they bring to the State. This is an important step forward for a just future in Alaska.

Thank you,

Monica Wey
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