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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 28, 2022

**TO:** Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins  
Chair, Senate Judiciary 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 House State Affairs Committee. This bill would provide a simple, consistent, and easy to understand threshold for political parties to gain official recognition. SB 161 was heard in the Senate State Affairs Committee and Senate Judiciary Committees and unanimously passed the Senate. Please see the following supporting documents:

- Sponsor statement for SB 161 (updated for Version B)
- CS SB 161 (JUD) (32-LS1361\B)
- Zero Fiscal Note SB 161-OOG-DOE-2-12-22
- 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.