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Rep. Genevieve Mina
State Capitol Room 420
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Mina,

I am writing today as a member of the Korean community in Alaska to show my support for HJR 4, "Honoring the Alaska-Korea Relationship."

There has been a long-standing relationship between our state and the country of South Korea. South Korea is one of Alaska's top trade partners, Alaskans have fought for the independence of South Korea during the Korean War, and Korean-Americans have established themselves as an integral part of our Alaskan community.

Korean Americans in Alaska are deeply involved in our small business community, both in urban and rural communities across the state. The Korean American Community of Anchorage (KACA) has donated hundreds of thousands in scholarship funds to students of all backgrounds over the years, and are deeply involved in philanthropic efforts across the state.

For example, SB 203, sponsored by Senator Revak, named a bridge in your district after Insook Baik, who has donated thousands of dollars of meals to the Mountain View community. Last year, our very own Miss Alaska was chosen to be Miss America in 2022 and is an involved member of the Korean American community. We are proud that she represented the Korean community gracefully on the national stage and used her platform to advocate for the Special Olympics.

Alaska has already recognized the deep relationship between our two countries through Korea-Alaska Friendship Day, which is held on 6/25 of every year. However, I believe that HJR 4 would be a powerful reaffirmation of this relationship.

To honor the contributions of Koreans to Alaska and for the betterment of the relationships between our two countries, I urge the Legislature to pass HJR 4 posthaste.

Best,



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