

Doniece Gott

From: Mary Calmes <yetna2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 6:34 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB22

Please pass this legislation.

I recently read the book *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith and realized that Juneteenth really is the anniversary of true freedom for all in the United States. It should be a date that we all celebrate.

Mary

Mary Calmes
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Laughter: The tangible evidence of hope.

Doniece Gott

From: Allegory Smith <allegory.smith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 4:59 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: My support for SB22

Hey folks,

Thanks for doing what you do.

I want to take a moment to voice my support for making Juneteenth a legal holiday in the state. This holiday has some integrity and is absolutely worth celebrating: the grand American experiment hasn't always produced the freedom and justice for all that it intended to, but Juneteenth is emblematic of the ongoing raising of consciousness and equality that is closer to America at its best.

Cheers!

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Of Danish, English, Gwich'in, Irish, and Swedish ancestry, I live and work in the traditional and unceded territories of the Chena Dene Peoples, whose ancestors have lived here for millennia, and who continue to respectfully steward and defend these sacred lands with place-based knowledge and traditions.

Doniece Gott

From: Martha Raynolds <martharaynolds@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 11:38 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: support for SB22 - Juneteenth holiday

Dear Senators,

Please support making Juneteenth a State holiday.

Thank you,
-- Martha

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From: Suzy Walsh <gmaandindia907@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 8:40 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Juneteenth

I support making Juneteenth a holiday. Thank you!

Doniece Gott

From: Sarah Crowley <scrowley39@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 7:42 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for bill sb-22

this letter is from Sarah Crowley. I reside at .7 Hilltop Rd. Healy Alaska. I am in support of bill SB-22 to make Juneteenth a legal state holiday in Alaska. I already organized a day of donation at my workplace last year to honor the Federal Holiday (though we did not get that day off). Folks donated their pay to the local Fairbanks NAACP as a show of solidarity from a white majority of workers and the smallest fraction of what is owed in reparations.

Thank you,
Sarah Crowley

Sarah Crowley, M.Ed

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From: Mary Burtness <mcburtness@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2023 6:40 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Click Bishop
Subject: SB 22 in favor

Dear members of Senate Finance committee:

A quick email to express my support of Juneteenth becoming a state holiday. Our country should be proud of the date we ended chattel slavery. We should celebrate the start of repair to a country that did not yet see everyone as equal. It should be celebrated here in Alaska.

Please push this bill forward.

Mary C Burtness
Fairbanks

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From: Adrian Gall <gallae8@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2023 6:21 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee; click.bishop@akleg.gov
Subject: Make Juneteenth an Alaska State holiday

Dear Alaska State Senators,

Juneteenth (19 June) is a national day to recognize the end of the horrid institution of slavery in our country. As a state, we should take this day to reflect on the damage done to so many people and celebrate the resilience and strength that a society gains when all of its members are free. Please support Senate Bill 22 to add Juneteenth as a legal holiday in the state of Alaska.

Thank you.
Adrian Gall
Fairbanks, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Jackie Debevec <jdebevecak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 22

Dear Legislators,

I encourage you to support SB 22. It is time we officially recognize this date and all the people who gave up so much for America. The NAACP celebrates Juneteenth in Fairbanks on the Sunday before June 19, but it would be great to be able to celebrate this day with more people on June 19th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jacqueline Debevec
Fairbanks, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Christie Shell <christie@calypsofarm.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 9:46 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please make Juneteenth a State holiday!

I am writing to ask you to make Juneteenth an official state holiday.

Thank you!

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Christie Shell

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We recognize that we live and work throughout the unceded territories of the Indigenous Peoples of Alaska, the lower Tanana Dene Athabascan Peoples. We acknowledge the ancestral & present land stewardship and place-based knowledge of the peoples of these territories.

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From: Susan Willsrud <susan@calypsofarm.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2023 9:35 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I am in FULL SUPPORT of SB22

I am in support of SB22 - I strongly agree that Juneteenth should be a recongnized holiday in Alaska. Please pass this bill!

Susan Willsrud

Susan Willsrud
Farm Director, Calypso Farm and Ecology Center
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From: Lauren Attanas <lauren.attanas@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2023 10:35 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Robert Myers
Subject: Testimony in support of SB22...

To the Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing to express my support for SB22, which would recognize Juneteenth as a legal Alaskan holiday. Recognition of this important day in history is a positive first step towards acknowledging the harmful legacy of slavery and honoring the struggles and resilience of former slaves and their descendants. There are no fiscal costs associated with this bill and no downsides to acknowledging, celebrating, and learning from our shared history.

I urge every member of the Finance Committee to vote 'do pass', and I urge you to vote yes when SB22 comes before the entire Senate.

Sincerely,

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