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Dear
Senator Gray-Jackson,

My
name is Tess Ramsey. I
am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 131, an act requiring
education in the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

I
have been a resident of Juneau, Alaska
of 6, years and
am a parent of a child in the Juneau School District.

Teaching
Asian American and Pacific Islander history and culture is important because my
child should be taught this essential history as it is a part of Alaska's history.

This
is urgent to me because when the history of only one group or select groups, is
told, it is erasure of the existence of other people, other histories. Asian American
and Pacific Islanders are a vibrant part of our Alaskan communities and deserve a
seat at
the table. All children should see themselves reflected in educational materials, not
forgotten or tucked away. I want my child to learn about many different cultures and
perspectives so that she will have a broader understanding of the world we live in
and
the place we call home.

Thank
you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tess Ramsey
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