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The Honorable Mike Colletta
State Senator
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Dear Senator Colletta:

For your information, I am forwarding a copy of the (d)(2) survey results of interviews conducted in Washington, D.C.

Congressmen, Senators, and key staff from House and Senate committees concerned with (d)(2) legislation were interviewed. Administration interviews included the Departments of Interior, Justice, Agriculture, the Office of Management and Budget, and the National Science Foundation.

Results of the Alaska Statewide Survey will be sent as soon as it is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon".

Sharon Long
Executive Director

ALASKA STEERING COUNCIL SURVEY

Alaska Steering Council Survey

Sample Design

House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs	42
House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries	17
House Agriculture Committee	6
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	18
Committee Counsel, House and Senate Administration	7
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Completed Interviews

House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs	34
House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries	15
House Agriculture Committee	5
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	14
Committee Counsel	7
Administration *	13
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Terminated Interviews

House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs	6
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	2
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Refused to Grant Interviews

House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs	2
House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries	2
House Agriculture Committee	1
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	2
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*Balance of appointments cancelled 10/27/77

DATA NARRATIVE

01. Do you generally favor or oppose the passage of a bill which would classify national interest lands in Alaska so that vast new areas are classified as wildlife refuges, huge new national parks are created, whole ecosystems are kept intact, and many new Wild and Scenic Rivers are protected?

69.7% Favor
11.2 Oppose
19.1 Other

n=89

02. Do you favor or oppose a provision which would inventory subsurface minerals on D-2 lands?

77.5% Favor
4.5 Oppose
18.0 Other

n=89

03. (If "Favor") Should the information derived from such an inventory affect classification of such lands?

64.0% Yes
7.9 No
16.9 Don't know
11.2 Not applicable

n=89

04. Where agricultural potential exists for land use, do you favor or oppose classification which would prohibit it?

20.5% Favor
35.2 Oppose
44.3 Other

n=88

05. In your mind, which of the following claims to land in Alaska has precedence, assuming all three were in dispute:

n=46	1. Alaska Statehood Act land selection	37.0%	30.4%	26.1%	6.5%
n=54	2. Native Land Claims Act selection	27.8%	38.9%	14.8%	18.5%
n=52	3. (National Interest Lands)	32.7%	11.5%	44.2%	11.5%
	4. Other				

..... No comment on series 38.6% of sample

06. Would you oppose a bill which did not settle the issue of how to deal with such disputes?

37.9% Yes

19.5% No

42.5% Other

n=87

07. Do you favor or oppose the provision of cooperative management among federal and state agencies in Alaska relating to d-2 lands?

66.3% Favor

14.0% Oppose

19.8% Other

n=86

08. Do you favor or oppose the provision of cooperative management among new federal agencies relating to d-2 lands?

57.0% Favor

11.6% Oppose

31.4% Other

n=86

09. Do you favor or oppose State management of resident game on federally-owned lands within Alaska?

60.5% Favor

14.0% Oppose

25.6% Other

n=86

10. How would you rate the work of the Federal-State Land-Use Planning Commission in Alaska?

23.3% Favorable

3.5% Unfavorable

61.6% Don't know enough about it

11.6% Other

n=86

11. Do you think the new national parks created by d-2 legislation ought to be accessible by highway to the public?

50.0% Yes

15.1% No

33.7% Other

1.2%

n=86

12. Do you favor or oppose surface access through the new Alaska national parks for the purpose of resource development on other lands?

56.5% Favor
15.3 Oppose
28.2 Other

n=85

13. Do you favor or oppose recreation access to, within, or across National Parks, Refuges, or Wild and Scenic Rivers in Alaska?

68.2% Favor
4.7 Oppose
27.1 Other

n=85

14. How about utility access in the same areas?

41.2% Favor
22.4 Oppose
36.5 Other

n=85

15. Here are two statements about Alaska's role. Tell me which one comes closer to your view, or if you feel these statements can be combined without contradiction. (Present Card #1)

11.9% Alaska is America's energy breadbasket, and its major purpose is to supply the nation with oil, gas, minerals, timber and other resources, without despoiling its natural environment.

23.8% Alaska is America's last wilderness, and its major purpose is as a habitat for undisturbed nature, the protection of migratory wildlife, recreation and scenic values, without despoiling its economy.

42.9% Other

21.4% Can be combined without contradiction

n=84

16. Do you think that environmentalist and development interests can both be satisfied on d-2 lands or are they irreconcilable?

48.3% Resolved
24.4 Irreconcilable
26.7 Other
n=86

17. Do you believe that the d-2 classifications are likely to result in more or less development of Alaska's resources, especially minerals, as compared to present development?

14.1% More
52.9 Less
32.9 Other
n=85

18. (If "Less") What implications, if any, does this hold for the nation's dependence upon foreign sources?

19. Do you favor or oppose the exclusion of lands with mineral potential from Park and Refuge classification, where scenic or wildlife values are not preeminent?

55.8% Favor
10.5 Oppose
33.7 Other
n=86

20. Which of the d-2 proposals or bills do you find most acceptable at this time? (Show Card #2)

17.2% Interior Department, Mr. Andrus (Administration)
10.3 H.R. 39, Mr. Udall
5.7 S. 499, Mr. Morton (Ford Administration)
10.3 S. 1787, Mr. Stevens
1.1 Federal/State Land-Use Planning Commission concept (not a bill)
5.7 None
49.4 Other
n=87

I have just a few more questions.

21. Do you favor or oppose a provision which would permit Alaska Natives access through or across any national-interest land in Alaska, for the purpose of subsistence hunting, fishing, trapping on other lands?

78.8%	favor
2.4	oppose
18.8	other:
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n=85		

22. Some Americans have moved to Alaska to live a frontier type of existence, build their own home, hunt and fish, and live in very remote areas. Would the d-2 bill you have in mind encourage or discourage such people in frontier Alaska?

35.3%	encourage
16.5	discourage
12.9	have no effect on them
35.3	other:
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n=85		

23. Do you feel you have enough information to decide what to do on d-2 at this point?

31.8%	yes
52.9	no
15.3	other:
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n=85		

24. (If "no") What Kind of information do you need?

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25. So far, who has provided you with the most reliable information about d-2 issues?

26. Would you be willing to listen to the position developed by the Steering Council on Alaska Lands?

83.7% yes
 3.5 no
 10.5 other: _____
 2.3 No answer
 n=86

27. Have you ever been to Alaska?

43.0% yes
 53.5 no n=86
 3.5 No answer

28. Thank you very much for your time. Do you have any last thoughts, comments or observations about the whole d-2 issue.

Interviewer complete the following:

29. Member of

59.3% House
 17.4 Senate
 14.0 Administration n=86
 9.3 No comment/not answered

30. Interviewed:

18.4% Senator, representative
 50.6 Legislative Aide, advisor, counsel
 17.2 Administrative executive or aide
 13.8 No comment

31. Member representing:

8.1% South
 22.1 Southwest
 22.1 Northeast
 10.5 Midwest
 19.8 Northwest
 9.3 The nation
 7.0 No comment
 1.2 Hawaii