



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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Representative Story
Alaska State Capitol Rm 403
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 193 - An Act adding a second verse to the official state song

On behalf of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida), I write in support of HB 193 - An Act adding a second verse to the official state song. We would like to see the second verse of the Alaska State song become official because it recognizes the diverse cultures in our state, including the Alaska Native culture.

Our Native people have made significant contributions to our state, and we would love to see that honored in the official state song.

Gunalchéesh / Háw'aa, thank you for your work on this issue. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me at: rpeterson@ccthita-nns.gov or (800)344-1432.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Peterson,
President