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Alaska Redistricting Board of Directors
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Dear Board Members:

This letter is an expression of concern regarding the current process being used by the Board to complete the redistricting process and to highlight our comments on two proposed plans. With regards to the Amended Proclamation Plan ("Amended Plan"), Doyon would like to share the following observations and comments:

- The Amended Plan pairs District 37 (representing parts of Bristol Bay, the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands) with District 38 (an area covering Ester to the Bering Sea Coast, including about half of the Doyon region in Interior Alaska) for a Senate seat. Sandwiched between these two districts is District 36 (representing Bethel to South Central Alaska). In addition to the geographic and cultural disconnect between these House districts, the fact that the plan pairs two discontinuous districts in one Senate district is inconceivable.
- Furthermore, under the Amended Plan, our region is unnecessarily divided into two House districts and two Senate districts. Our villages and shareholders have preferred throughout this process to be represented by only one Senator and if possible, one Representative.
- Under the Amended Plan, the community of Ester is in District 38, and Eielson is in District 1 (which also includes North Pole and Fox). We suggest that Ester be included in District 1, and Eielson be included in District 38 because Eielson has a low voter turnout, and the Native voting power would be increased in that district.

Doyon prefers the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting 7th Adjusted plan over the Board's adopted Amended Proclamation Plan, because the Interior Region remains intact under this plan. Furthermore, under this plan, the Interior is not paired with the Aleutian chain which, geographically and culturally is far removed from the Interior. Policy controversies between the two regions regarding salmon catch limits and allocations between commercial and subsistence salmon highlight the dramatic cultural, economic and geographic differences between the two regions. These differences would make it difficult for any one person to fully represent the differing interests of the two regions.

Furthermore, we agree with the comments that Bristol Bay Native Corporation has made regarding the AFFR 7th Adjusted Plan that "the Interior districts are far more compact than in the Board's plan, and the coastal (as well as other districts) are far more socio-economically integrated." Bristol Bay Native Corporation also points out that "District 38 in the Board's plan is in fact an "effective" Native district given that it still pairs lower turnout Native villages with high turnout Fairbanks suburbs –

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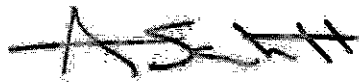
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reconstructed election data analyses may further reveal this weakness. In addition, 38 has a very low Native VAP right now and it may become ineffective within a very short time."

Outside of our comments regarding these proposed plans, Doyon stresses our concerns regarding the planning process the Board has haphazardly implemented since the first adopted plan was thrown out. During this second period of planning, which we know must be expedited, the opportunities for public comment and participation have been unclear. We have been closely following the Board's activities throughout the planning process because of the impact the Board's decisions will have in our communities for the next ten years; and for that reason, we appreciate a clear process with multiple opportunities for public input.

Thank you for the work you are doing on behalf of all Alaskans. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 459-2000.

Sincerely,



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