

Serving you

I have a team of friendly, knowledgeable representatives who have a track-record of resolving significant issues for individual Alaskans throughout the state. You and your family deserve a liaison working on your behalf when dealing with a federal agency.

A few examples of agencies we can assist with are: Department of Veterans Affairs, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of State, Housing and Urban Development, Social Security Administration, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Resolving issues with a federal agency can be lifechanging.

If you ever have a challenge or issue, I encourage you to reach out to us at any of our regional offices below. We are eager and ready to help.

Never forget, we work for you.

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■ Bolstering Water & Sewer Infrastructure

In 2016, we passed legislation I wrote that authorized \$300 million for a new program for communities lacking basic drinking water or wastewater services, many of which are in Alaska. Additionally, we reauthorized the Rural Alaska Village Grant Program, which provides vital funding to support water and sewer services in rural Alaska, and we increased the funding coming to Alaska for existing water and wastewater infrastructure programs.

Protecting Subsistence Whaling

I applaud the hard work of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC) for their efforts at the 67th International Whaling Commission meeting in Brazil in 2018 for the automatic renewal of its subsistence whaling quota as long as harvests remain sustainable. Working together to relentlessly champion the subsistence harvest of whales, AEWC and I were able to secure domestic support within the State Department, then focus on gaining international support before this important meeting in Brazil.

Defending Ivory and Alaska Native Crafts

A key source of income in the rural and Alaska Native subsistence economy has been the sale of artistic treasures. Since holding a field hearing at AFN in Fairbanks in 2016, I have been fighting to ensure our traditions and economy are protected. Earlier this year, I introduced the Empowering Rural Economies Through Alaska Native Sustainable Arts and Handicrafts Act. This would prevent states from banning walrus ivory, whale bone, and other marine mammal products that have been legally harvested and carved by Alaska







Strengthening Public Safety

We've worked hard to combat our high rates of sexual assault and domestic violence. In 2018, my Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent (POWER) Act was signed into law, which will bring more legal services to victims and survivors. Further, when I was Alaska's attorney general, we launched the Choose Respect initiative that I'm now taking nationwide by introducing bills to spread awareness, improve the criminal justice system for victims, and dramatically increase legal representation. We have also secured the full support of U.S. Attorney General Barr, who visited Alaska in May 2019 for a series of roundtables in Anchorage and visits to rural Alaska. Subsequently, Barr declared a law enforcement "emergency" in Alaska, directing more than \$10 million in immediate law enforcement aid to our state, and renewed focus from the federal law enforcement agencies which has already intercepted thousands of illicit pain pills going to rural Alaska and provided new positions for federal prosecutors and state district attorneys.

Expanding Opportunities for ANCs

After decades of work, included in the 2017 tax reform packaged was a provision which allows Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) to deduct from their taxable income the amount of any contributions that the corporations make to a settlement trust—encouraging ANCs to make those contributions, which will benefit our communities and the state. Additionally, since in office, I have been fighting a provision which was slipped into the National Defense Authorization Act requiring the "heads of agency" to sign off on any 8(a) Native American sole-source contracts awarded over \$22 million, which significantly reduced the amount of sole-source Native contracts awarded. I secured memos from the secretaries of the Air Force, Army, and Navy to help fix this. And, at my invitation, we held a field hearing in Anchorage to hear from small businesses, including regional and village ANCs, about the opportunities and challenges they encounter with the Small Business Administration. Lastly, when ANCs were conveyed lands under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, some had been contaminated previously by the federal government. For decades, it's been unclear who is ultimately responsible for the cleanup. Using my seat on the Environment and Public Works Committee, I was able to include a provision in the 2018 omnibus spending bill that exempts ANCs from liability on lands that were conveyed with existing contamination.



■ Securing Native Veteran Land Allotments

In March of 2019, the Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act was included in a larger lands package that was signed into law by President Trump. Long overdue, Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans, or their heirs, are now able to apply for their congressionally promised Native allotments, an opportunity they may have missed due to their service. As the senator representing the state with more vets per capita than any other, including thousands of Vietnam vets, I am so glad we got this done together.

Transferring Lands to Communities

We've worked to convey numerous plots of land from federal ownership to communities and Native organizations throughout the state, including lands to Ahtna, Inc., Tanana Chiefs Conference, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, and to the Village Corporations of Saint Paul and Saint George Islands.

Advancing Affordable Power for Villages

While we all work for more reliable and affordable energy for all Alaska communities, your delegation worked to ensure that the systems we have in rural parts of the state are not regulated out of the only source of power they have to keep the lights and heat on. The Alaska Remote Generator Reliability and Protection Act was signed into law recently to fix flawed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emission regulations for generators used in remote Alaska, paving the way for Alaskans in these communities to reliably and more affordably power their villages.

