

Dear Alaskan,

Since coming to Washington D.C., one of my key focuses has been to work with my colleagues to rebuild our military after years of cuts, so that our men and women in uniform have the tools they need to keep our nation safe. As a Marine and the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, I have seen first-hand how the previous administration's cuts have negatively impacted our military's ability to protect our nation against global threats.

I've also worked relentlessly to educate my colleagues about Alaska's strategic location and how we constitute three pillars of military might for our nation. We are the cornerstone of our nation's missile defense, the hub of air combat power for the Asia-Pacific and the Arctic, and a vital expeditionary platform for some of America's best-trained troops. In the past few years, we've helped secure about \$1.4 billion in military construction investments for Alaska to strengthen these pillars. We've also reversed impending troop cuts in Alaska and reversed a misguided plan to draw-down Coast Guard assets in our state. In fact, we are now bringing in more assets and tens of millions of dollars to our Southeast communities to strengthen our Coast Guard presence. And as countries are increasingly laying claim to an opening Arctic, we are working to increase military investments in the area to ensure a peaceful, secure, and prosperous Arctic for decades to come.

We Alaskans are proud to be on the frontlines of freedom in our country's defense. Our state also offers some of the most supportive communities anywhere in the country for our military. I'll continue to work to bring more investment and greater military might to Alaska. Read on for more details, and if you have suggestions, my door is always open.

U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan

Serving You

I have a team of friendly, knowledgeable representatives who have a track-record of resolving significant issues for Alaskans. 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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STRENGTHENING Alaska's Military



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Strengthening Alaska's THREE PILLARS OF MILITARY MIGHT

Due to our strategic location, our state constitutes three pillars of America's military might. We are the cornerstone of our nation's missile defense, the hub of air combat power for the Asia-Pacific and the Arctic, and a vital expeditionary platform for some of America's besttrained troops. Since I got to Washington, I've worked hard to secure roughly \$1.4 billion in military construction investments for our state to strengthen these pillars. This important investment bolsters our nation's security, but also has been a critical driver of economic and job growth in Alaska.

Cornerstone of U.S. Missile Defense

Alaska stands at the forefront of freedom, providing the only line of defense against ICBM threats with the 49th Missile



Defense Battalion in Fort Greely, and the Early Warning Radar system at Clear Air Force Station in Alaska. I've worked to secure over \$200 million in funding for an expansion of the missile field at Fort Greely, adding three times the previous number of ground-based missile interceptors and significantly upgrading the strategic radars located at Clear Air Force Station.

Strategic Platform for **Expeditionary** Forces

Alaska is a vital expeditionary platform for some of America's besttrained. Arctictough troops. In



2016, the 4-25th Brigade Combat Team, a 5,000-member airborne unit out of Anchorage's Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, was on the verge of being eliminated by the Obama Administration. The 5,000 member unit was the only Airborne Brigade capable of operating in both the Pacific and the Arctic regions. Working with Alaskans and Department of Defense officials, we were able to reverse this misguided policy. Now, the 4-25 is forward-deployed, defending our freedoms at a time when Russia and China have been increasing their military activities in both the Arctic and Pacific regions.

Hub of Air **Combat Power**

We worked hard to ensure that two squadrons of F-35As will be hosted at **Eielson Air Force** Base, which will bring thousands of personnel and family members to the



Interior, along with good-paying jobs for our contractors. These F-35s, along with JBER's F-22s, will make Alaska the only place in the world with over 100 5th-generation fighters, ensuring that Alaska's Air Force and Army air power is the most agile, comprehensive, and lethal in the world. These aircraft are flown and maintained by our active duty, reserve, and Alaska National Guard pilots and

Bringing More Coast Guard Assets to Alaska

Because of its many missions and importance to Alaska and to the rest of the country, I was surprised to learn upon entering the Senate in 2015



that the Coast Guard planned to cut its assets in Alaska as part of its recapitalization effort. We successfully reversed the decision. Four more fast response cutters (FRCs) are being built and slated for Alaska. Two of the FRCs will be home-ported in Kodiak, one in Seward, one in Sitka, while two previously commissioned FRCs will remain stationed in Ketchikan. Additionally, Petersburg and Juneau will be receiving additional large Coast Guard patrol boats. In the coming years, Kodiak will also be receiving two Offshore Patrol Cutters (OPCs) and will receive three more C-130Js, in addition to two that are already here. Further, earlier this year, Congress appropriated \$53 million for infrastructure to support these new vessels, giving many of our Southeast communities significant investments in infrastructure and local housing.

Progress on Icebreakers

At long last, we are finally making real progress on icebreakers. In this year's Senate defense bill, I secured a provision that authorized the scheduled purchase of six Polar-class icebreakers and, recently, Senator Murkowski played

a key role in the appropriation of close to \$700 million for the building of what will be the first of many of these polar security cutters.

Securing a Strategic Port

After years of delay by the Pentagon, I secured a provision in this year's Senate defense bill that mandated the Department of Defense to designate a site for a Strategic Arctic Port in Alaska. As the importance of the



Arctic region grows, ensuring naval access and secure passage for ships is crucial to our nation's security. This designation also aims to ensure the United States invests in ports on our coasts that are capable of accommodating our national security needs. There's much more work to do in strengthening America's national and economic security in the Arctic, but we are finally making important progress in this regard.

