



February 28, 2020

Rep. Chris Tuck
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Tuck,

We are writing to express our support and appreciation for House Bill 115: An Act Relating to Absentee Voting.

Native Peoples Action is a non-profit organization that strives to provide Alaska Native communities and our traditional ways of life and values with a voice at all levels of policy making. The foundation of our work focuses on advocacy, education and information sharing, supporting local decision-making, and building stronger unity among Indigenous communities to collectively address issues impacting our ways of life.

Increasing access to voting is one of our top priorities. Voting is a fundamental right of all individuals and a powerful way to make our voices heard. HB115 is an important step to help increase access to voting by removing a barrier for voters who know they will be voting by mail each year. This sensible and easy change to opt into receiving a ballot through the mail without having to reapply each year will make voting easier and more convenient for Alaskans.

We wish you success with this legislation and hope your colleagues will agree this important bill should be passed this year. Thank you for your leadership in this issue and we stand ready to help in any way possible.

Gunalchéesh/Háw'aa/Quyana/Mahsi'/Baassee'/Maasee'/Dogedinh/Thank you,

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