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To: Assembly
Cc: Senator_murkowski@murkowski.senate.gov
Subject: Landless

I don't understand "why" the Petersburg Borough Assembly is coordinating an "inquiry of interest" for Senator Lisa Murkowski regarding the Landless. The post was located on Facebook, posted 09/02/2020.

Those of us who are classified "Landless" Sealaska shareholders have been waiting what seems like forever (since ANCSA was signed in Dec. 1971) to have this issue moved beyond a Bill in the House of Representatives or the Senate. Every time election time rolls around, us Landless receive promises that it will be addressed. Our elders are passing away, and no promises kept.

One issue I have with this is, if the Petersburg Landless shareholders are expected to reply to this request by September 4th, did Senator Murkowski provide you with a contact list of all Landless Sealaska shareholders so they could respond timely? This comes across as an uncoordinated activity and perhaps it's expected that very few will respond so a negative judgment will be gathered from that.

It has been proven that all Landless communities were occupied by Natives and should have been included in ANCSA, the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Indian Affairs by order of Congress commissioned "A Study of Five Southeast Alaska Communities" with the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska. The study was completed February 1994.

What exactly are we supposed to provide to the Petersburg Assembly?? Our interest hasn't waned, this will not go away, my grandmother Amy Skeek is dead, my father Leonard Charles Skeek Sr. is dead, perhaps Congress (the House and the Senate) is waiting for all of us to pass away and no one to have any interest? For your information I have passed my Sealaska Landless Shares to my children and they are well informed, my interest has not faded, and neither will my childrens.

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