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Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 8:41 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA)

To the Assembly of the council of Petersburg.

I support Alaskan Natives Without Land #LandBack. As a lifelong resident of Petersburg, I believe the Landless issue of receiving its native lands is well overdue. Its been forty-nine years since this injustice. We the Petersburg residents of this community of natives were left out of the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), Now is the time that the whole community of Petersburg come together and support the landless because we are all in this together! I remember as one who worked with Mayor Ted Smith decades ago we had signed a memorandum of agreement to work together as a City and tribal government and the results have been awesome ever since. The Petersburg Indian Association has been a great asset in building trails, sidewalks, etc. in the community of Petersburg. As a Tribal Government who has helped its residents of Petersburg, let's continue to work together in supporting the landless. Thanks for the time and support.

Sincerely, Michael Sheldon

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