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**Subject:** Alaska Natives Without Land Legislation opinion

Greetings Petersburg Borough Assembly,

Thank you for taking my input on this important legislation. Although I do not trust Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan in their motives for introducing this bill, I have given this a lot of thought to be for the land exchange. The Alaska Delegation is continually trying to erode the federal land ownership for the simple fact that they want full speed ahead on timber harvest to create an industry that is not sustainable. On this topic, it is unfortunate that the Native lands that once grew "productive" old growth forests in SE Alaska have been decimated equal to or more than federal lands have been. Many people fear that this trend will continue if more unharvested federal lands are turned over to the private sector.

However, I am in support of giving land back that was originally Tlingit and be placed in the trust of the original people of this region. I hope that if this happens, the original owners will become the stewards of the land for future generations of Native Alaskans.

thank you for receiving my opinion,  
Karen