



December 11, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Support for federal recognition of Qutekcak Native Tribe through their application through the statutory common bond standard established pursuant to the Alaska IRA.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Chugach Alaska Corporation (Chugach) wishes to express its continued support for Qutekcak Native Tribe (QNT) to seek and obtain federal recognition as an Alaska Native tribe within the Chugach region. Chugach has long supported QNT's efforts to become a federally recognized Tribe and we feel that it is time for the US-DOI to complete its review process and provide federal recognition of Qutekcak Native Tribe.

Chugach's close and long-standing involvement in and support of QNT's quest for federal recognition leaves no question that QNT more than satisfies the common bond standard under the Alaska IRA; QNT has amply demonstrated its entitlement to federal recognition through its submissions in support of its application.

Even a cursory review of the record supporting QNT's application reveals that federal recognition under the common standard is long overdue. Chugach urges you to grant Qutekcak Native Tribe's application without further delay.

Sincerely,

Sheri Buretta  
Chairman

cc: Tara Sweeny, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4141, Washington D.C. 20240, Via postal mail and email: [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov)

John Tahsuda, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20240, Via email: [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov) for Tribal Consultation re: IRA, including Alaska IRA.

Lisa Murkowski, United States Senator for Alaska, 522 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510; and 510 L Street, Suite 600, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1956; Via email through on-line service at [www.murkowski.senate.gov/contact](http://www.murkowski.senate.gov/contact)

Dan Sullivan, United States Senator for Alaska, 702 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510; and 510 L Street, Suite 750, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; Via email through on-line service at [www.sullivan.senate.gov/contact/email](http://www.sullivan.senate.gov/contact/email) and call (202) 224-3004 to notify email sent.

Don Young, United States Representative for Alaska, 2314 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515; and Anchorage District Office, 471 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 201, Anchorage, AK 99503; Via email through on-line service at <https://donyoung.house.gov/contact/>

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