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To: Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs
Tara Katuk Mac Lean Sweeney
Department of Interior
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Dear Assistant Secretary Sweeney:

Assistant Secretary Sweeney, on March 19, 2019 the Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans Allotment Act was approved via the Dingell Act. The Bureau of Indian Affairs held a consultation on the Department's draft regulations to implement Section 1119 of the John Dingell, Conservation Management and Recreation Act, Public Law 116-9, in Anchorage Alaska on December 2, 2019. The letter inviting Tribal Leaders to attend this consultation requested the Tribes to provide written input, by e-mailing comments on the "Alaska Native War Era Veterans Land Allotment" by midnight Eastern Standard Time December 20, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to request the deadline for submitting comments regarding the draft regulations that would enable implementation of Section 1119, PL-116-9 be extended by sixty (60) to ninety (90) days from the proposed December 20, 2019 end of comment timeline. This will allow a fair and reasonable time for Alaska Tribes to submit comments regarding the allotment regulations that are proposed to implement this vital Alaska Native Veterans Allotment Act.

Respectively,

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