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Alaska Redistricting Board
PO Box 240147
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RE: Narrow Scope of Remand Authority to Correct Senate District K Pairings
Our File No.: 508532.2

Dear members of the Alaska Redistricting Board:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and validation to the Alaska Redistricting Board as it explains to the public the Board's limited discretion on remand as compared to the initial redistricting process. Unlike the initial redistricting process, the work of the Board is strictly limited to correcting the constitutional infirmities in House District 38 and Senate District K. Thus, while East Anchorage Plaintiffs genuinely appreciate the Board's inclusion of substantial public testimony and multiple public hearings on remand, they fully acknowledge that the Board cannot reopen all Anchorage senate or house districts without directly violating the court order and the Alaska Constitution. Similarly, East Anchorage Plaintiffs also recognize that the Board must move quickly and that while public testimony is important, the scope of the remand order does not afford the Board weeks to cure an error that took only a day to make, especially where this delay impacts the upcoming election.

While East Anchorage Plaintiffs have advocated zealously for public participation in the redistricting process and continue to emphasize the importance of the public's notice of and right to attend Board remand proceedings, the Board's duty this Saturday is to act quickly, efficiently, and narrowly to correct the minimal errors identified by the court. East Anchorage Plaintiffs are hoping that this letter validates the Board's narrow scope at the upcoming hearing and serves to remind the public that the Board does not have the authority to review the senate districts in Anchorage as a whole or more broadly reexamine house districts in addressing the "Cantwell Appendage," even if presented with public testimony supporting such action. Instead, the Board must act within the narrow confines of the remand order or face further legal consequences.

Similarly, in addition to the limitations on the Board's consideration on remand under the court order and the Alaska Constitution, East Anchorage Plaintiffs recognize that the ethical obligations of the Board, and the consequences that arise from the intentional violation of a court order or even undue delay in complying with such an order also inform the Board's narrow and swift corrective action.

East Anchorage Plaintiffs have provided a more in-depth examination of the legal constraints facing the Board, to further explain the differences in process between this narrowly tailored hearing and the initial November 8, 2021 hearing on senate pairings.

The Board's actions on remand are limited to the language of the court orders. The Alaska Supreme Court upheld the Board's actions and proclamations regarding every senate district and every house district *but for* Senate District K and House District 38. In so doing, the Alaska Supreme Court expressly recognized the limited scope of its ruling and remand, asserting with precision that:

The superior court determined that Senate District K was unconstitutional on the grounds of equal protection, due process, and violating the public hearings requirement... We note that the superior court did not rule that the underlying house districts were unconstitutional and that no party asserts that the underlying house districts are unconstitutional. The superior court's determination relates solely to the senate pairing of house districts. We AFFIRM the superior court's determination that the Board's Senate K pairing of house districts constituted an unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution, and we therefore AFFIRM the superior court's remand to the Board to correct the constitutional error.¹

Similarly, in its Order Following Remand from the Alaska Supreme Court issued on March 30, 2022, the Superior Court remanded to:

1) Correct the Constitutional errors identified by this Court and the Supreme court in Senate District K; ... and

3) To make other revisions to the proclamation plan resulting or related to these changes.²

In its remand, the Superior Court was also careful to retain jurisdiction over the proceeding so that it could address any concerns on remand quickly.

In light of the limited scope of the remand by both the Alaska Supreme Court and the Alaska Superior Court, the only senate pairings that may be disrupted are those that will be paired and unpaired to correct the equal protection clause violation in Senate District K.

In conducting the remand, any decision to disturb a lawful and promulgated district must be weighed against the constitutional requirement that districts be adopted in the manner *and within the time periods* identified in the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute. In other words, any effort by the Board to throw open the senate districts in Anchorage or beyond for a "redo"

¹ *In the matter of the 2021 Redistricting Cases*, Supreme Court No. S-18322, Order Dated 3/25/22 at 5-6.

² Order Following Remand from the Alaska Supreme Court, March 30, 2022.

would be blatantly unlawful and would effectively result in a failure by the Board to comply with time constraints imposed by the Constitution.

Accordingly, the only correction that appears to preserve the Board's adopted pairings while correcting the unconstitutional Senate District K is as follows:

Senate District E (Marcum)

House District 9: South Anchorage/Turnagain Arm/Whittier

House District 10: Oceanview/Klatt

Senate District F (Marcum)

House District 11: Lower Hillside

House District 12: Far North Bicentennial Park

Senate District G (Marcum)

House District 13: Campbell

House District 14: Spenard

Senate District H (Marcum)

House District 15: Sand Lake/Campbell Lake

House District 16: Anchorage Airport

Senate District I (Bahnke)

House District 17: Downtown Anchorage

House District 23: Government Hill/JBER/Northeast Anchorage

Senate District J (Bahnke)

House District 18: Mountainview/Airport Heights

House District 19: U-Med

Senate District K (Bahnke)

House District 20: North Muldoon

House District 21: South Muldoon

Senate District L (Bahnke)

House District 22: Eagle River Valley

House District 23: North Eagle River/Chugiak

While East Anchorage Plaintiffs recognized the value of pairings proposed by others at the initial November 8, 2021 hearing, the court order and the proclamation process simply do not authorize the Board to take action beyond the action mandated by the court.

Finally, East Anchorage Plaintiffs commend the Board for not only adopting a predominately fair and effective proclamation plan, but for acting quickly and lawfully to make the

small corrections to that plan identified by the court. Each of the Board members should be extremely proud of this accomplishment and the great service they have provided all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

BIRCH HORTON BITTNER & CHEROT



Holly C. Wells
Mara E. Michaletz
Zoe A. Danner

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Michelle Turner <[REDACTED]>
Fri 4/1/2022 6:27 PM

Dear Redistricting Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on revised State of Alaska senate district pairings as result of the Alaska Supreme Court decision (In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Cases, Order No. S-18332, Mar. 25, 2022). As noted in the decision, pairing the two Muldoon (east Anchorage) districts with Eagle River districts was a political gerrymander that violated Alaska's equal protection clause. My comments focus on two specific areas: 1) the optimal way to address the Supreme Court concerns is to adopt the senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke; and 2) the Board should revise its senate district pairings in a timely manner.

In its decision, the Alaska Supreme Court determined that the Board's Senate K pairing of house districts (Eagle River with Muldoon) constituted an unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution. The obvious remedy is to pair the two Eagle River districts (HD22 and HD24) together in one senate district. But this this will result in "orphaned" districts HD21 and HD23 which cannot be paired because they are not contiguous; this required adjustment could result in a cascade effect of adjusting multiple senate district pairings. The easiest fix is the adoption of the senate pairings proposed by Ms. Bahnke:

The Bahnke map addresses the issues underlying the unconstitutional gerrymander identified by the Alaska Supreme Court. They are common sense pairings that keep similar communities together. Not only does it pair the two Eagle River district together and the two Muldoon districts together, it keeps west Anchorage, midtown, and hillside together. These pairings have been presented to the public and the public has been provided the opportunity to comment (and comments have been received).

These pairings enjoy strong support from Anchorage residents as shown by public comments to the Board during the redistricting in late 2021.

These pairings are more legally defensible than what the Board has previously adopted.

The Board should make a decision on senate pairings quickly. The Alaska State Constitution requires that a final redistricting plan be identified within 90 days of receipt of census data. As result of the Board's constitutionally-flawed process and decisions, final determination of districts has been delayed well beyond that 90-day deadline. It is in the public interest and would avoid confusion and voter disenfranchisement for a final map to be swiftly adopted. Additionally, the Board needs to heed the Alaska Supreme Court's rationale and endeavor to produce a redistricting plan that will satisfy the Court's requirements. The Bahnke map can be adopted within 5 minutes of convening – it has been subject to notice and comment, it is legally defensible, and it enjoys wide support.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

In closing, the “fix” for the Board’s unconstitutional gerrymander is clear. The Board should immediately adopt the senate pairings proposed by Ms. Bahnke upon completion of public testimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Michelle Turner

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99516

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 6:39 pm

First Name: **Andrew**

Last Name: **Gray**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **SENATE PAIRINGS**

Public Comment: **I support the senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board Member Melanie Bahnke in November 2021:**

9E with 11F

10E with 15H

16H with 14G

13G with 12F

17I with 23L

18I with 19J

20J with 21K

These combinations are logical. Please support Ms. Bahnke's pairings.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:06 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Blaine**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bahnke Pairings**

Public Comment: **The pairings recommended by Melanie Bahnke appear to be the most reasonable and I hope you will move ahead with approval of her recommendations. Thank you.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:06 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Blaine**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bahnke Pairings**

Public Comment: **The pairings recommended by Melanie Bahnke appear to be the most reasonable and I hope you will move ahead with approval of her recommendations. Thank you.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:14 pm

First Name: **Holly**

Last Name: **Hill**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bahnke district pairings must be adopted**

Public Comment: **The court has ordered a new redistricting map. The pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke have already been presented and considered on the record. They are fair. Please adopt them expeditiously so that voters and candidates know what to expect by the next election.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:21 pm

First Name: **Lisa**

Last Name: **Haugen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Alaska Districting Map - Senate**

Public Comment: **I am asking that you please adopt the following senate pairings:**

9 and 11 lower and upper hillside

10 and 13 Klatt and Taku

12 and 21 Abbott Loop and south Muldoon

14 and 19 midtown and UMed

17 and 18 downtown and Mountain View

20 and 23 north Muldoon and JBER

15 and 16 same as what you have already decided.

Thank you for your consideration.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:26 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Duffy**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **N/A**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke**

Public Comment: **The Board should act immediately to comply with the court's requirements and minimize confusion if this process is dragged out. It is in the public interest to swiftly adopt a map with final senate pairings so that voters can familiarize themselves with their new districts, precincts, and voting locations.**

I respectfully request that the Redistricting Board adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board Member Melanie Bahnke which have already been presented and considered on the record and were informed by public input and testimony.

Thank you.

John Duffy

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 10:03 pm

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Garvey**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **ACLU of Alaska**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: I submit this comment on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska, an organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights and individual liberties enshrined in the U.S. and Alaska Constitutions, including the right to vote and equal rights and protection under the law. The ACLU of Alaska additionally represented six amici in litigation over the Redistricting Board's decision to pair Eagle River/Chugiak and East Anchorage/Muldoon house districts to create Senate Districts K and L.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 11:40 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Pairings, final map**

Public Comment: **I urge the Board to adopt the Anchorage Senate pairings proposed by commissioner Bahnke, to replace the pairings rejected by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional. There is no reason to delay implementation of the Court's ruling.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 8:06 am

First Name: **Sandy**

Last Name: **Blomfield**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **N/A**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I sincerely request the State of Alaska Redistricting Committee to wait until after the spring elections prior to proceeding. There is a lot of change in the entire electoral process, the ranked choice voting being the largest change, followed by the special election to fill the congressional seat of the Honorable Don Young. Putting a hold onto the redistricting issue would benefit all Alaskans who want to have their voices heard but are frankly overwhelmed with the new procedures, voting choices and trying to ascertain how to cast their votes with the new "Ranked Choice" voting. Your delay regarding this matter would be truly appreciated. I hope you will consider this urgent request of the board. Sincerely, Sandy Blomfield, (born in the territory, 67 years in AK)**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 9:36 am

First Name: **Ann**

Last Name: **Rappoport**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **not applicable**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Supreme/Superior Courts Remand Orders - it's time to adopt the proposed Bahnke district pairings!**

Public Comment: **I urge the Redistricting Board to act immediately to implement requirements in the Supreme Court's Remand Order. Voters need time to familiarize themselves with their potentially new districts, as well as the applicable candidates.**

I also want to urge the Board to swiftly adopt the Senate district pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke for the remaining district areas that need to be revised in order to avoid gerrymandering, as the Courts have ruled. These pairings were both informed and overwhelmingly supported by public testimony when they were presented to the public as well as being considered on the record. Most importantly, these pairings uphold the requirements for geographic contiguity, socioeconomic similarity, and reasonableness, upholding our overall American institution of one person, one vote. Eagle River needs to be paired with Eagle River (i.e., pair House districts 22 and 24 in one Senate district); Muldoon needs to be paired with Muldoon (i.e., pair districts 20 and 21 into one Senate seat; pair districts 18 and 19 into one Senate seat); etc. These pairings unite neighborhoods into compact areas as they should. NOTE - we recently went through an extensive redistricting process for the Anchorage Assembly and similar issues arose where people tried to pair Eagle River with South Anchorage - public comments proved that illogical and fortunately that attempt was overruled. We need similar common sense to prevail here!

For South Anchorage, house districts 9 and 11 should be paired as these Hillside areas share concerns around limited and rural road service areas, septic systems, private wells, geographic limitations (steep slopes) for development and drainage issues.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 9:43 am

First Name: **Jan Carolyn**

Last Name: **Hardy**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **The 2021 Board Proclamation for Anchorage was ratified on November 10, 2021. There has been a public hearing publicly presented with public input and testimony. This Board has the opportunity to be the first Redistricting Board in over 20 years to have a map that is viable for a full 10 years.**

The Board did a good job with the overall house map and senate pairings in Southeast, Rural, Interior, and MatSu. Further delays would result in some candidates running three elections in a row. We have seen the chaos that creates both for the candidates and the voters. Some voters did not exercise the franchise because they did not know in which district they resided. This is unfair to the candidates and the voter.

We have a new system of voting: Rank Choice Voting. To complicate the matter further we will have special election to replace him. This is unprecedented. The voter needs time to reorient themselves to their new senate and house district. If questions surrounding our new Anchorage Municipality have not been resolved immediately the result could be voter disenfranchisement and failure of the system to protect one voter, one vote.

The Alaska Supreme Court has upheld the unconstitutional political gerrymander of Senate Seat K (Eagle River/East Anchorage) and remanded the pairing back to the Alaska Redistricting Board. Please act swiftly to adopt a map with final senate pairings. There is no time to waste.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 9:52 am

First Name: **Sherri**

Last Name: **Jackson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please adopt the following Anchorage Senate pairings. Two options are listed and either of these would work and make the most sense because they put together communities that share socioeconomic similarities so I ask you pick one of the two pairings below. We also ask the Redistricting Board to take their time. This decision is too important to make this decision so quickly. People need time to process and testify.**

(Anchorage is also in the middle of an important assembly seat and we ask that you at least wait until after that election next week).

**9 and 22 lower hillside and Eagle River
10 and 13 Klatt and Taku
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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 10:16 am

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Barry**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Court Remand Orders--Adopt the Bahnke District Pairings**

Public Comment: **The Redistricting Board needs to act immediately to implement requirements in the Supreme Court's Remand Order. Voters need time to familiarize themselves with their potentially new districts, as well as the applicable candidates.**

I urge the Board to swiftly adopt the Senate district pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke for the remaining district areas that must be revised to avoid gerrymandering, as the Courts have ruled. These pairings were both informed and overwhelmingly supported by public testimony when they were presented to the public as well as being considered on the record. Crucially, these pairings uphold the requirements for geographic contiguity, socioeconomic similarity, and reasonableness, upholding our Constitutional mandates of one person, one vote. Eagle River needs to be paired with Eagle River (i.e., pair House districts 22 and 24 in one Senate district); Muldoon needs to be paired with Muldoon (i.e., pair districts 20 and 21 into one Senate seat; pair districts 18 and 19 into one Senate seat); etc. These pairings unite neighborhoods into compact areas as they should. The Anchorage Assembly recently went through an extensive redistricting process and similar issues arose where people tried to pair Eagle River with South Anchorage. Public comments proved that illogical and fortunately that attempt was overruled. We need similar common sense to prevail here.

Districts 23 and 17 should be paired to place Government Hill, Downtown, Fairview, and JBER in the same district. For populations, the Board had to divide Downtown into two districts; pairing these districts will ensure they are at least in the same Senate District. Government Hill is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Anchorage and has longstanding ties to the other historic neighborhoods in District 17. Service members from JBER regularly frequent businesses and services in Downtown.

The Spenard district (District 14) should be paired with the Turnagain district (District 16). Spenard and Turnagain are two very closely linked neighborhoods and residents often describe the whole area as "Spenard-Turnagain".

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Mary E. Fenno

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

To the 2021 Alaska Redistricting Board:

Hello, My name is Mary E. Fenno, I live at 1630 Goldridge Dr. in the Goldstream Valley, and I have lived at this address since 1983. I have been an Alaskan since 1975. My children went to Fairbanks schools, I receive my mail through a post office in Fairbanks, and I live approximately ten miles from the city of Fairbanks.

I believe that my neighborhood in District 36 was deliberately gerrymandered to break up the Democratic vote in our district which SHOULD INCLUDE neighborhoods in our area. This totally violates the directions the redistricting board are to follow as stated in Section 6.6, District Boundaries, and I quote:

"Each house district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area."

My neighborhood and others in the Goldstream Valley have been taken out of our district and put with a very rural area, far from the Fairbanks area where we work and live.

To give those who are not familiar with District 36 as this redistricting board constructed it, the western border of district 36 includes Holy Cross and other communities others along the Yukon River, to the north Arctic Village, the western border is the Canadian border including Chicken and, and the southern border ripples around the McCarthy, Gulkana area and finally doglegs around Cantwell. Then the border goes north and includes Delta, Ft. Greely, and then goes around the Fairbanks districts, **except for excluding part of the Goldstream Valley**, and then heads south again to Nenana and Anderson.

I respectfully ask that the redistricting board change the border that deliberately slices our section of Goldstream Valley out of the Fairbanks districts and put us back in the district where we belong with our socio-economic area!

Also, I would also point out that, sadly, gerrymandering is always a part of the redistricting in our state, and this year's maps reveal the usual decennial debacle of manipulation that, once again, promotes political partisanship. I believe this is because the Alaska Constitution is misinterpreted. It states in, Section 6.8 Redistricting Board, it's plan for redistricting board members:

"Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliation..."

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

The governor shall appoint two members of the board. The presiding officer of the senate, the presiding officer of the house of representatives, and the chief justice of the supreme court shall each appoint one member of the board.”

I believe that these words are misconstrued by politicians. I **DON'T** believe Alaska's founders meant to give any administration and/or legislature the power to stack the redistricting board with their party members. The founders did not want five people who are appointed by politicians **with regard**, that is, with favor, to their political affiliation. I believe they wanted all Alaskans to be represented in this process.

Thank you for reading and listening to my testimony.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Fenno



Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 10:38 am

First Name: **Andy**

Last Name: **Durny**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **None**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99701**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redrawing Senate District K**

Public Comment: **Please adopt Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke rather than coming up with new pairings. These pairings proposed by Ms. Bahnke are fair, logical, and sensible.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 10:47 am

First Name: **Beth**

Last Name: **Farnstrom**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Public Comment: **I respectfully request one of the 2 following options for redistricting.**

We want true representation of all and these 2 options consider the likeness of the citizens of the communities being represented. These communities usually have similar values, socioeconomic likeness, wants and desires.

Your decision needs to be what is best for Anchorage and Alaska not your personal bias. I ask you to please pick one of the 2 pairings below. Your decision should include as much public comment as possible since your decision impacts us for the next 10 years.

I strongly support one of the following redistricting plans.

**9 and 22 lower hillside and Eagle River
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Thank you for the opportunity to share my personal views on what is being decided.

Sincerely,

Beth Farnstrom

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 11:12 am

First Name: **Anne Marie**

Last Name: **Moylan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River/ Muldoon**

Public Comment: **Dear Board,**

Please waste no time in adopting the Bahnke plan and pairings as is because it followed all the precepts of fair and equitable means: the principle of one person to one vote.

It provides people the time to acquaint themselves with what may be their shifted district before very important voting opportunities. If allowed to drag on there would likely be further disenfranchisement of voters.

Thank you,

Anne Marie Moylan

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

To the Alaska Redistricting Board,

As you revisit unconstitutional district lines of House District 36, please take this opportunity to rectify the mistake of excluding the Goldstream area of the Fairbanks North Star Borough from a Fairbanks area House district.

Goldstream is entirely socioeconomically associated with Fairbanks, and it plainly defies compactness to associate an area dependent on, and integrated with, Fairbanks with communities hundreds of miles away instead.

My children attend school in a Fairbanks North Star Borough School District School, I work in Fairbanks, and have served on an FNSB commission. In the current foolhardy proposal for our house district alignment, I would have to travel through a couple Fairbanks House districts to visit other communities with whom we would be politically associated.

Take this opportunity to right a wrong and keep our community and House district whole.

Thank you,

John Perreault

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 11:45 am

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Avila**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 12:12 pm

First Name: **Carolyn**

Last Name: **Clift**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **na**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate District K**

Public Comment: **When I ran for Senate in 2020, I had to drive through two other House Districts to get from my home, in East Anchorage, to the southern part of the Senate District. I registered my complaint with the Board. Now, with the unconstitutional House pairing of Senate K, I would have to, again, drive through at least one other House District to get to the eastern (Eagle River) part of K. It would make sense for the two Muldoon districts to be paired together, and the two Eagle River districts to be paired together. I have heard that there are socioeconomic links to Eagle River, but there are no retail stores or restaurants in South Muldoon that do not already exist in Eagle River.**