



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
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Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senate  
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Honorable Dan Sullivan  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senators Murkowski and Sullivan:

I am writing on behalf of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, a federally recognized tribal government, to indicate our support for prompt confirmation by the U.S. Senate of the president's nomination of Judge Neal Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Central Council Tlingit Haida has reviewed Judge Gorsuch's jurisprudential record and has concluded that his decisions evidence respect for tribal sovereignty, self-government, and territorial authority. We hope you can persuade your colleagues in the Senate to move quickly to a vote and early confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Peterson

President

cc:

Senator John Hoeven, Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs  
Senator Tom Udall, Vice Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs  
Senator Jon Tester, Committee on Indian Affairs  
Senator Maria Cantwell, Committee on Indian Affairs  
Senator Al Franken, Committee on Indian Affairs  
Senator Brian Schatz, Committee on Indian Affairs  
Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Committee on Indian Affairs  
Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Committee on Indian Affairs