

SUPPORTING U.S. SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN & CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG



The BSNC Board of Directors has endorsed Dan Sullivan for re-election to the U.S. Senate, and Don Young for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives. Both Senator Sullivan and Congressman Young have consistently advocated for and supported issues of importance to Alaska Native People.

They both seek out new ideas and different perspectives, they are approachable and engaged, and genuinely committed to Alaska – our people and our communities.

*Please join me in supporting
U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan & Congressman Don Young.*



*Gail R. Schubert
Bering Straits Native Corporation, President and CEO*

U.S. SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN Background

- Sen. Sullivan is known as one of the U.S. Senate's most effective lawmakers. Sen. Sullivan serves on the Armed Services, Commerce, Veterans Affairs, and Environment and Public Works committees.
- Senator Sullivan has a distinguished record of military and national security service. He is currently an infantry officer and Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.



U.S. SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN & FAMILY



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We are proud to endorse U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan for reelection.

- His accomplishments in the Senate include writing and getting the **POWER Act passed**, which has dramatically **increased legal services for survivors of sexual assault**.
- He wrote the **Save Our Seas Act** which **addresses the ocean debris and plastics crisis**.



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- We are also grateful for his work to help secure historic funding – **\$50 million from the Department of Justice** – to bolster public safety initiatives and address the law enforcement emergency in Alaska.
- Dan’s bill, the **Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act**, fulfilled the government’s promise to Vietnam-era Alaska Native veterans by ensuring that veterans or their heirs receive the land allotments they were promised prior to their service.



U.S. SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN Partners with Rural Alaska & Alaska Native People

Alaska Native Corporations

Senator Sullivan ensures that Alaska Native regional and village corporations are not harmed by federal legislation because his Senate colleagues lack understanding of the distinct differences of indigenous representation in our state.

- Senator Sullivan secured an historic investment of \$8 billion for our Native communities through the CARES Act, as a tribal set aside to help tribes in our communities, and Alaska Native regional and village corporations, respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. When challenged in court, Senator Sullivan signed onto an amicus brief to fight for the continued inclusion of Alaska Native corporations in the CARES Act.
- Senator Sullivan authorized the transfer of lands from federal ownership back to rural communities, tribes, and Alaska Native

Senator Sullivan works together with Alaska Native entities and rural Alaska residents to deliver big wins for our state.

corporations, empowering local leaders to make decisions about land use. And allowing projects like new hospitals and treatment centers to be built, and paved the way for a future Arctic deep water port.

- Senator Sullivan amended the federal 8(a) contracting law to prohibit discrimination against Alaska Native Corporations and provide more economic opportunity for their shareholders.
- Senator Sullivan held the federal government accountable for conveying contaminated lands to Alaska Native corporations. 2018 legislation included a provision that removed Alaska Native corporation liability for clean-up and remediation on lands that were contaminated prior to conveyance from the federal government.

U.S. SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN Alaska Native Cultures

Senator Sullivan listens to Alaska Native people and works to empower them to strengthen and perpetuate their culture and traditions

- Senator Sullivan worked with Alaska Native whalers to persuade the US State Department to lobby for the automatic renewal of subsistence whaling quota at the International Whaling Commission's meeting in 2018. With the backing of the U.S. delegation to the IWC, the historic automatic renewal of subsistence whaling quotas was secured.
- Senator Sullivan fights for the rights of Alaska Native artists to work with and sell art and cultural items made out of marine mammals, including ivory and baleen. Senator Sullivan continues to work to preempt individual states' bans on ivory and ensure that Alaska Native artists can sell their items made from marine mammals on Etsy and other social media channels.



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Partners with Rural Alaska & Alaska Native People

Arctic Security

Senator Sullivan has made bolstering Arctic security a priority of his. Ensuring language to strengthen Arctic Security was included in the last five National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAA).

- Senator Sullivan secured provisions for the designation of a new strategic Arctic port in Alaska
- Senator Sullivan continues to advocate for a series of Arctic ports
- In the 2021 NDAA Senator Sullivan secured:
 - \$46 million for Arctic Communications Capabilities:
 - Authorized \$30 million to help more units and communities participate in Innovative Readiness Training (IRT):

CARES Act

- Senator Sullivan secured \$500 million for IHS in CARES Act, a \$100 million increase
- Senator Sullivan secured the extension to October 2021 for REAL ID compliance
- Senator Sullivan ensured that Alaska Native corporations were included in the \$8 billion Tribal relief fund

Coast Guard

Senator Sullivan strengthened the Coast Guard's presence in Coastal Alaska

- Senator Sullivan authorized new polar class icebreakers for the Coast Guard to modernize our operational capabilities

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Combating Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Senator Sullivan is a steadfast advocate for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault

- Senator Sullivan secured pro bono legal services for thousands of survivors through the Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent (POWER) Act
- Senator Sullivan is keeping our children safe from trafficking through the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA), which targets websites and online organizations that facilitate sex trafficking and holds them accountable for their crimes
- Senator Sullivan empowered federal prosecutors to work with state officials to prosecute criminals who traffic youth across state lines through the Mann Act Cooperation Act
- Senator Sullivan brought the “Choose Respect” campaign to the nation to ensure survivors

receive legal representation and that their perpetrators are held accountable

Healthcare

Senator Sullivan has expanded and strengthened access to healthcare in rural Alaska:

- Senator Sullivan authorized a program to train more doctors (MISSION Act – IHS/VA residency program in partnership with Providence)
- Senator Sullivan reauthorized the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP – Denali Kid Care) for 10 years
- Senator Sullivan codified the tribal rate in the VA/ Tribal Sharing agreement
- Senator Sullivan secured \$500 million for IHS in the CARES Act – \$100 million more than originally included

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Infrastructure & Access to Resources

Senator Sullivan secured critical investments for new infrastructure in rural Alaska and continues to work with regions across Alaska to include local decision making in large infrastructure projects.

- Senator Sullivan authorized hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for airport infrastructure and safety improvements
- Senator Sullivan secured \$300 million program to improve basic water and sewer services in rural Alaska with a new federal program focused on communities lacking this critical infrastructure
- Securing \$2.6 billion for highway construction and repairs o \$30 million of which go to tribes to address high priority or emergency projects
- Authorized \$200 million in military construction projects in Alaska o \$30 million is being put into the IRT program focused on rural communities

Post Office

Senator Sullivan understands the importance of the United States Postal Service to Alaska, particularly our rural communities. He continues to advocate for programs vital to rural Alaska, like the Bypass mail program.

- Senator Sullivan has long advocated for the increased funding for the USPS
- Senator Sullivan recently spoke to the Postmaster General to discuss his remarks on Bypass mail. The Postmaster General released a statement explaining that his remarks about Bypass mail were not to suggest that USPS was eliminating the program, rather he was referring to the much broader effort to inventory all postal programs.

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Public Safety and Resource Development

Public Safety

Senator Sullivan strengthened public safety in rural Alaska

- Senator Sullivan invited Attorney General William Barr to Alaska to see firsthand the public safety emergency rural Alaska faces. That visit resulted in a historic amount of funding, over \$62 million, to address the public safety emergency, including:
 - Funding to hire 38 public safety officers for rural Alaska, through the COPS Hiring Program and the Tribal Resources Grant Program
 - The appointment of a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator for the District of Alaska
 - Tribal Victims Services Set-Aside Program Award to Denali Commission to support the ability of Alaska Native Tribal Communities to develop victims services

Responsible Resource Development

Senator Sullivan knows that responsible resource development is critical to the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Alaskans. In the Senate he's fought back against job-killing policies to ensure we can harness our energy and create jobs, prosperity and security.

- Senator Sullivan and the Alaska Delegation, finally opened the 1002 Area of ANWR for development, an issue tied up in Congress for over 40 years
- Senator Sullivan opened the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) to responsible exploration and development after the Obama Administration's illegal efforts to shut down the NPR-A
- Senator Sullivan is leading the fight against National Democrats' irrational hostility towards energy development, oil and gas workers, miners, and their families, especially in Alaska
- Senator Sullivan is calling out and fighting against financial institutions that discriminate against Alaska energy development projects and the

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Veterans

Senator Sullivan fights for our nation's veterans, he is laser-focused on reforming and improving Alaska's VA health care

- Senator Sullivan made sure the federal government delivered on its promise of Native land allotments for Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans. He championed a bill that allows Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans to apply for Native allotments if they were serving in the military during the period that land selection rights were open.
- Senator Sullivan ensured veterans will always have their benefits through the Forever G.I. Bill Legislation.
- Senator Sullivan works to ensure care providers have the resources needed to combat mental health issues in our vets
- Senator Sullivan ensures that providers have the resources they need to properly care for veterans with mental health concerns and prevent veteran suicide.



CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG Background

- Congressman Young is the longest-serving member in both the House and Senate of the 116th Congress and the Dean of the House.
- He is a current member and former Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which is Congress's largest committee with 50 members. He is also the Chairman Emeritus of the House Natural Resources Committee, a committee he chaired during the 104th, 105th and 106th Congresses.



“ I am both humbled and honored to receive Bering Straits Native Corporation’s endorsement for the November election. Working with the region’s elders and corporate leadership team has always been a tremendous privilege. I would like to thank Chairman Henry Ivanoff, CEO Gail Schubert, the Board of Directors and the more than 8000 shareholders for their support and confidence.”

DON YOUNG
CONGRESSMAN FOR ALL ALASKA

CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG Background

- Congressman Young has passed more bills – the majority with an Alaskan focus – into law than any other member of the House of Representatives. Congressman Young will continue to champion legislation and funding for programs **benefiting Alaska** and the nation.
- For the last 45 years, Don has worked tirelessly to address the **crucial needs of Alaskans, including transportation, infrastructure, and education**, as well as advocating for utilizing Alaska's natural resources to help America achieve energy independence.



CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG Supporting our communities

- Worked to secure the **\$8 billion CARES Act** tribal set-aside funding and then protect ANC eligibility for the set aside after it was challenged. Filed a Delegation amicus brief in appellate court in support of ANC eligibility. Working to **protect ANC eligibility** from being stripped in future legislation.
- Protected the 8(a) program.
- **Secured an increase in the cap for 8(a)** contracting that allows ANCs to receive contracts up to \$100 million without a further extensive justification and approval process.
- Passed settlement trust legislation in the tax bill that makes **settlement trusts a more viable option for ANCs to support** the well being of future generations of **shareholders.**



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- Congressman Young **fought to include vital funding for the Alaska Native Education Program (ANEP)** in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), ensuring that Alaska Native children can receive a quality education.
- Throughout his time in Congress, using his senior position on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, **Congressman Young has consistently defend funding for the Essential Air Service (EAS) Program so Alaskans across the state** who are dependent on air travel for their livelihoods have access to safe and reliable transportation.
- Fought for ANC revenue sharing from ANWR
- Supported bypass mail into villages



These endorsement represents the position of BSNC's Board of Directors. BSNC encourages shareholders and descendants of voting age to exercise their right to elect a candidate of their choice and to vote. Every vote counts and Alaska Native representation matters.



A wide-angle photograph of a vast, open landscape. The foreground and middle ground are filled with numerous white, fluffy flowers, likely cotton grass, growing on thin green stems. The ground is covered with dry, brownish grass and some small green shrubs. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. A dark blue horizontal bar is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

*Thank you and **let's** keep moving **Alaska forward!***