

Indian Rights Association Backs Natives

The Indian Rights Association President Leo T. Connor, sent a form letter to nine senators on the Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs and to 12 House Representatives on the House Subcommittee on Indian Affairs, calling for fair and just settlement of Alaska native land claims.

The letter signed by Leo T. Connor reads:

"The enclosed copy of the latest issue of INDIAN TRUTH sets forth the Alaska Native position in regard to a fair and just settlement of their land claims. Alaska Natives and the Alaska state legislature are in

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full agreement as to settlement of these claims, and it is now up to the American people and Congress to determine whether justice will prevail in a fair settlement with Alaska's Natives.

"The Indian Rights Association joins with the natives of Alaska in requesting your serious consideration and support of their request for:

"1) recognition and fee title to Native village and community lands with in lieu selection when necessary. The total amount of land retained by Native groups to be 40 million acres;

"2) reasonable compensation for extinguishment of Indian title to remaining land in Alaska amounting to 500 million dollars;

"3) permission to manage this land and money through local (state, regional, and village) native organizations.

"These principles are presently embodied in S 2906.

"On behalf of our Association and Alaska Natives, we shall appreciate your attention to this matter of vital importance to Alaska and to our Nation."