

Senator John Sackett Supports Elaine Ramos

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Howard Rock, Editor
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Dear Howard,

This letter is to thank you for the privilege of publicly supporting Elaine Ramos for the University Vice-presidency of Rural Education by way of my guest editorial printed on Oct. 1. I greatly appreciate the policy of confidentiality which you provide for those who write on sensitive issues; however, it was my intention that the guest editorial which you so graciously printed be a clear reflection of my position.

Two critical issues in the lives of Native Alaskans are land claims and education, and a third is Native involvement. I believe it is time for a Native with Ms. Ramos' competence and sensitivity to Native needs be included as an equal in the highest circles of educational decision-making. I also believe that it is time for those of us who believe in Native involvement as an instrument for the improvement of the Native condition to make our positions known publicly.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would, by printing this letter, clarify to your readers that the editorial supporting Elaine Ramos for vice president was not anonymous but was a reflection of my position.

—/S/ SENATOR JOHN SACKETT