



October 3, 2022

Honorable Representative Mary Peltola  
2314 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Peltola,

Congratulations on winning Alaska's seat in the House of Representatives during the August 2022 special election!

The Petersburg Borough Assembly would like to extend an invitation for you to visit our beautiful community along with any staff and family you would like to include. We are a small fishing community of approximately 3,300 residents located on Mitkof Island in Southeast Alaska. Our home rule Borough was incorporated January 3, 2013. Petersburg was originally founded in 1910 by Norwegian immigrant Peter Buschmann and prior to the European settlers, Tlingit peoples lived, hunted and fished in the surrounding area. The remains of ancient fish traps and petroglyphs within our Borough are a sight to see, as are the totem poles downtown that tell the story of the Tlingit ancestors traveling down the Stikine River to settle in the area. A federally recognized native tribe is located in our community and is served by the Petersburg Indian Association. Aspects of both Norwegian and Tlingit cultures continue to be prominent in Petersburg.

Please feel free to contact Borough Clerk Debra Thompson at (907) 772-5405 for more information. We would welcome the opportunity to meet you, share our community, and discuss Petersburg's future with you.

Respectfully,

Mark Jensen  
Mayor