



Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom
STATE OF ALASKA

June 8, 2026

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RE: Evaluation of Your Declaration of Candidacy for United States Senator

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am responsible for administering the State's election laws and supervising the Division of Elections. The Division must determine whether your declaration of candidacy was properly filed with a good-faith intention to serve, and in the event it is, how your name should appear on the primary election ballot to avoid voter confusion. I'm troubled by the allegation that you filed for office in coordination with another campaign with the intention of confusing Alaskan voters in a way that will benefit one candidate over another. If true, it suggests that your declaration of candidacy, which was submitted under penalty of perjury, was not genuine and not properly filed. For these reasons, this letter serves as notice that I have requested an investigation of your recent declaration of candidacy for United States Senate before determining whether you can appear on the ballot and, if you can appear, in what manner your name will appear on the ballot. This investigation is necessary and pertinent to an independent review of the propriety of your declaration of candidacy. This investigation is also pertinent to the credible allegations the State has received that you did not declare your candidacy with a good faith purpose to seek office but rather with a purpose to confuse voters and have them mistakenly vote for you rather than the incumbent with the same name and same political party affiliation.

There are credible allegations that you declared your candidacy in coordination with another candidate and campaign out of intention to confuse and manipulate voters by capitalizing on the fact that you share a first and last name with the incumbent senator and have selected the same political party affiliation. Specifically, it was alleged that you filed for office with the intent to use your identical first and last name and newfound affiliation with the Republican Party to confuse or deceive voters who intend to vote for Senator Sullivan into mistakenly voting for you instead. If true, this would be an unprecedented situation. The allegations here, if true, would amount to not only deception of voters but diminish the rights of another candidate solely for the purpose of diverting valid votes and sowing confusion among voters.

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We have received and reviewed your June 3 letter responding to these allegations (enclosed). Your letter did not adequately respond to the specific allegations that your candidacy is motivated by an intent to deceive Alaskan voters.

To assist with our investigation into the credible allegations challenging the propriety of your declaration of candidacy, I request that you respond—in an affidavit signed by you under penalty of perjury—to the following questions:

- (1) Have you ever affiliated as a member of the Republican Party before filing your declaration of candidacy? If so, please provide information regarding such affiliation including the date(s) and jurisdiction(s) where you were affiliated with the Republican Party.
- (2) Have you ever held yourself out as being associated or affiliated with the Republican Party before filing your declaration of candidacy for this election?
- (3) What other versions of your name have you used previously when registering with the Division of Elections? Have you always only used the nickname “Dan” and your last name? Why, if you registered under a different name in the past, did you use only “Dan Sullivan” in this instance when requesting ballot access?
- (4) Describe the process for designing your campaign website and logo, including the names of all persons and vendors who assisted in its creation. Please explain whether you intentionally mimicked the campaign website and logo for U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan.
- (5) Have you had any direct or indirect interaction whatsoever with Amber Lee and/or her consulting firm Amber Lee Strategies about your declaration of candidacy? If so, please describe your interactions with Ms. Lee and Amber Lee Strategies.
- (6) Have you had any direct or indirect interaction whatsoever with any other candidate for United States Senate or an agent of such a candidate about your declaration of candidacy?
- (7) Have you had any direct or indirect interaction whatsoever with any agent of the Democratic Party with respect to your declaration of candidacy?

As part of your affidavit, please address whether in the event the State determines your declaration of candidacy to be genuine and proper, and that your name may appear, you would object to your name appearing on the ballot as “**Sullivan, Daniel James Jr. (non-incumbent)**” to distinguish you from incumbent U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan and reduce the risk of voter confusion. Please also address whether you would object to your name appearing without the Republican party designation.

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Your response under oath is needed to ensure that we base our final decision on reliable and credible information. The Division's obligation to administer elections includes protecting the integrity, credibility, and impartiality of Alaska's elections. This includes protecting the public confidence that elections are fairly administered and that voters are not misled about the identity of candidates appearing on the ballot. In addition to responding to these questions, your affidavit can also include any other information you believe is relevant to the charge that your declaration of candidacy is intended to confuse or mislead voters or compromise the fairness or neutrality of the ballot.

To facilitate timely consideration of your response, please provide your affidavit on or before noon on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 to lt.governor@alaska.gov with a copy to attorney.general@alaska.gov

Sincerely,



Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosure

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June 3, 2026

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Re: My Candidacy for Senate

Dear Director Beecher:

I write in response to the NRSC's letter, dated June 1, 2026, challenging my candidacy for United States Senate in the August 18, 2026 primary election on the ground that I share a first and last name with incumbent Senator Dan Sullivan. I have every right to run for Senate. I am a registered Alaska voter. I filed an accurate and timely declaration of candidacy, and I have the constitutional qualifications: I am older than 30, I have been a U.S. citizen my whole life, and I reside in Alaska. I am running because I am tired of sitting back and watching our current Senator routinely fail to represent the interests of ordinary Alaskans like me. The fact that Senator Sullivan shares my first and last names adds insult to injury, motivating me to raise my hand as an alternative choice for Alaskans. Senator Sullivan and NRSC have no right to exclude me from the ballot simply because we happen to share a name.

In addition to complaining about my name, the NRSC complains that I was not previously a registered Republican. Historically, I affiliated with the Alaskan Independence Party. However, the party was disbanded, and my registration was automatically marked as unaffiliated. I wish to run for office as a Republican to give Alaska voters another choice for what Republican representation in the U.S. Senate can look like. The form itself informed me that "if this is not the party affiliation currently on your voter registration record, it will be changed to reflect what

you provided.” I faithfully followed the instructions on the form provided by your office to indicate as such. And the primary ballot will itself tell voters that my designated affiliation does not imply that the Alaska Republican Party endorses me.

Alaska law requires you to place my name on the August primary ballot as a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate. Section 15.25.060 of the Alaska Statutes provides that you “shall ... place the names of all candidates who have properly filed in groups according to offices” on the primary ballot. It gives you no discretionary authority to exclude me. And when third parties, like the NRSC, question a candidate’s eligibility, Title 6, Section 25.260 of the Alaska Administrative Code provides that your review of their complaint “is limited to the grounds cited in the complaint that are related to candidate *qualifications* addressed in the candidate’s declaration of candidacy.” You are prohibited from considering “other grounds cited in the complaint.” None of the NRSC’s cited grounds are related to my indisputable qualifications to run for and serve as a U.S. Senator from Alaska. You therefore have no authority to exclude me from the ballot.

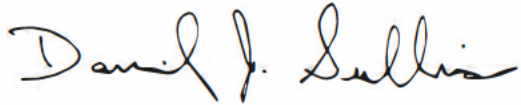
The NRSC’s letter does not allege that I failed to timely file a complete and accurate declaration of candidacy. Instead, it takes issue with my name and the fact that I filed to run as a Republican. As explained above, I followed the instructions on the form itself to designate myself as a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, and I listed my legal name—I have no other. It is my right to do so whether the NRSC supports my candidacy or not. As far as I am aware, there is no Alaska or federal law that gives the NRSC the exclusive right to determine who may run as a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate. If such a right did exist, we would not need primary elections at all—the NRSC could just pick our nominees.

As to my name, the NRSC claims it will confuse the voters of Alaska, but Title 6, Section 25.212 of the Alaska Administrative Code says only that a candidate’s name may not be placed on the ballot “*in a manner* that is confusing or misleading to voters or compromises the fairness or neutrality of the ballot.” This regulation instructs your office to ensure the *manner in which* my and Senator Sullivan’s names go on the ballot does not confuse voters. It does not permit your office to exclude me from the ballot based on my legal name. The NRSC’s argument that the regulation does exclude me would deprive me of my right to run for office for no adequate reason. Your office is of course free to take reasonable steps to avoid voter confusion where two individuals with the same name are running for office—for example, by including a middle initial.

In short, I properly met all legal requirements to be placed on the August 18, 2026 primary election ballot as a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate. Your office has no legal basis to exclude my name from the ballot. Doing so would violate my rights and be an affront to Alaska

voters. I wish to give the people of Alaska an alternative choice of representation in the U.S. Senate. Your office may not lawfully deny me the chance to run or Alaska voters the opportunity to vote for me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' at the beginning.

Daniel J. Sullivan