

June 10, 2026

Nancy Dahlstron  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of Alaska

Re: My Candidacy for Senate

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstron:

I write in response to your June 8, 2026 letter. I originally received the letter not from your office, but from a reporter. This indicates that you started working with the press to generate a story on your investigation before ever contacting me. In fact, we have never received the letter to you. This conduct is deeply troubling for an elected official who is charged- as you claim – with administering the election laws of the State of Alaska. The premise of your letter is that “credible” allegations have been made that I am running for office in coordination with Mary Peltola to confuse Alaska voters. This allegation is entirely false and, respectfully, no evidence whatsoever has been provided to your office to support it.

I am running for U.S. Senate as a Republican under my lawfully given name. It is a name and party affiliation that I share with my father and my grandfather. I am not a registered Democrat, and I have had no conversations whatsoever with the Peltola campaign about my candidacy. The law forbids your office from denying me access to the ballot just because Senator Sullivan and the NRSC would prefer I not be allowed to run. This investigation by your office – and coordination of it with the press – is an unprecedented affront to my rights as a candidate and the rights of Alaska voters to select their own representation in the U.S. Senate.

I have considered running for political office for over a decade. I made the decision to formally run for the United States Senate in the upcoming primary election because Senator Sullivan has routinely failed the people of Alaska, and they deserve a better representative. It is my right to do so. The only “evidence” the NRSC provides for its alternative theory of my candidacy is that an Alaska political consultant named Amber Lee has been involved in my campaign, and Ms. Lee was once a consultant for a super PAC named “Vote Alaska Before Party.” As I have publicly said, Amber Lee is working as a political advisor to my campaign. I am a first-time candidate and found myself in need of strategic guidance, so I reached out to Ms. Lee. As far as I know, Ms. Lee does not work for the Peltola campaign. She does have prior political experience in the State of Alaska. The fact that a political consultant has done prior political consulting is not a legitimate reason for your office to investigate me and demand I supply you with an affidavit under penalty of perjury on less than 48 hours’ notice.

You also asked about my website. It features multiple prominent photographs of me. I look nothing like Senator Sullivan. It describes my background and life experience, which is very different from Senator Sullivan's. It includes a press release that says in the very first line that I am running against the incumbent Senator. And it includes my logo, which is based on the Alaska flag and differs in multiple significant ways from Senator Sullivan's.

While I find your investigation to be inappropriate, I have no problem repeating what I have already said publicly. I have had no contact with the Peltola campaign about running for office. Your office has absolutely no credible basis to continue to question my candidacy.

I filed a timely Declaration of Candidacy for the U.S. Senate. All of the information I provided is true and correct. My understanding is Senator Sullivan's legal name Daniel Scott Sullivan. My name is Daniel James Sullivan, and like the incumbent, I also go by "Dan." I have publicly gone by "Dan Sullivan" as long as I can remember, just like my father before me and my grandfather before him. A search of public records will reinforce my longtime use of "Dan Sullivan."

Finally, it is my right to affiliate with the Republican Party on the ballot. As I already explained to the Division of Elections, I moved to Alaska in 1980 and registered with the Alaskan Independence Party. The party disbanded in 2026, leaving me unaffiliated. When I decided to run for office, I chose to do so as a Republican. My father and grandfather were both Republicans and raised me to believe in compassionate conservatism. It is that viewpoint that drives my political beliefs and led me to choose to run as a Republican. The form provided to me by the Division of Elections gave me the option to do so.

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 or party affiliation from the ballot. Rather than choosing to question the legitimacy of the many candidates that have filed for U.S. Senate in Alaska this year that do not claim Alaska residence, you continue to harass me and my pursuit of office.

The NRSC is free to advocate against my candidacy and for the candidacy of Senator Sullivan. What it is not allowed to do is use your office as a pawn to kick me off the ballot.

Respectfully,  
Daniel J. Sullivan