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SESSION 2 UPDATE — AIPAC CONFIRMED FLAGGED (SULLIVAN)

> **WHAT CHANGED SINCE SESSION 1:** A nonpartisan outlet (Alaska Public Media, reporting directly from FEC filings) confirms AIPAC conveyed approximately $250,000 in pass-through individual contributions to Sullivan's 2026 campaign specifically — a real, current-cycle, direct AIPAC figure, not the "other pro-Israel PAC" pattern seen in NC and Texas. Peltola's 2026 cycle shows no AIPAC money found (Emily's List $44,000 is her comparable conduit); her AIPAC connection remains tied to her 2024 House race only, as Session 1 already noted.

Alaska uses a unique voting system. All candidates run together on one nonpartisan primary ballot, and the top four vote-getters advance to a ranked-choice general election. Nonpartisan primary: August 18, 2026. General: November 3, 2026. Trump won Alaska by 13 points in 2024, but Peltola is the only Democrat to win statewide in Alaska since 2008 — and she is currently polling ahead of Sullivan.

CANDIDATE A — DAN SULLIVAN (R)

Republican incumbent | U.S. Senator since 2015 | Marine Corps Colonel (Reserve) | Age 61 | Fairview Park, OH born

Sullivan grew up in Ohio, not Alaska. He moved to the state as an adult, married into an Alaskan family, and built his political career there. He served as Alaska's Attorney General and Commissioner of Natural Resources before winning the Senate seat in 2014.

THE FACTS — VOTING RECORD

Healthcare

Sullivan voted to cut Medicaid as part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Healthcare costs in Alaska are already among the highest in the nation. Sullivan is rated as Alaska's third least popular senator in part because of healthcare cuts.

Fisheries — A Critical Alaska Issue

Sullivan supports allowing unsustainable trawling in Alaskan waters — a major issue where fishing is not just an industry but culture and survival for Alaska Native communities.

Trump Alignment

Sullivan has largely voted in lockstep with Trump's agenda — backing cuts to public radio, food assistance, and healthcare programs that rural Alaskans depend on.

THE FACTS — FOLLOW THE MONEY

SOURCE	NOTES	FLAG
	Approximately $250,000 in individual contributions conveyed by AIPAC to Sullivan's 2026 campaign, per Alaska Public Media's review of campaign	

AIPAC — direct pass-through contributions	finance reports. Technically pass-through/conduit contributions from donors nationwide, not a direct PAC check — but AIPAC is the organizing mechanism. *Separately, the advocacy tracker TrackAIPAC lists Sullivan's career total (all cycles, all pro-Israel PACs) at $131,100+ — a different, non-comparable measure to the 2026-specific $250K figure above; the two should not be added together.*	■ **CONFIRMED FLAGGED**
Oil & energy industry (career)	Long history of oil and gas industry support as Alaska's chief resource advocate.	■ **FLAGGED**
Republican establishment PACs	Standard Republican Senate PAC support.	■ **WATCH**
Q1 2026 fundraising	$1.7 million raised Q1 2026 — well behind Peltola's $8.9 million same quarter. $7 million cash on hand from prior cycles.	**NOTE**

AIPAC MONEY: **CONFIRMED FLAGGED** — ~$250,000 in AIPAC pass-through contributions to the current campaign, per nonpartisan reporting. This is no longer a pending item.

OIL INDUSTRY / DARK MONEY: **FLAGGED** — Career history of oil and energy industry funding.

> **ARCHITECT ANALYSIS — DAN SULLIVAN (updated):** This closes the loop Session 1 left open, and it's a real one — $250,000 in AIPAC-conveyed money is not a rounding error, and it came from a nonpartisan outlet doing its own FEC review, not an advocacy tracker's framing. Combined with his existing oil-industry funding history and his voting record on Medicaid, public radio, and trawling, Sullivan now carries a fully documented case on both automatic disqualifying flags.

CANDIDATE B — MARY PELTOLA (D)

Democrat | Former U.S. Representative Alaska At-Large 2022–2025 | Yup'ik Alaska Native | Age 52 | Bethel, Alaska

Mary Peltola is Yup'ik. She grew up along the Kuskokwim River and served 10 years in the Alaska state legislature before winning Alaska's at-large congressional seat in 2022 — becoming the first Alaska Native ever elected to Congress. She lost her House seat in 2024 by only 6,722 votes in a state Trump won by 13 points.

THE FACTS — RECORD

Fisheries — Her Signature Issue

Peltola secured a ban on foreign trawled fish after 30 years of delays and introduced legislation to protect salmon populations from unsustainable pollock trawling.

Infrastructure

Peltola brought home over $9 billion for Alaska infrastructure and rural broadband.

Bipartisan Record

Peltola is a Blue Dog Democrat who regularly broke with her party, including supporting the ConocoPhillips Willow oil project.

THE FACTS — FOLLOW THE MONEY

SOURCE	NOTES	FLAG
AIPAC — 2026 Senate cycle	No AIPAC pass-through contributions found in nonpartisan reporting on the 2026 Senate race specifically. Her documented AIPAC connection is from her 2024 House campaign (part of a $96,546 career pro-Israel-PAC total tracked by TrackAIPAC, which also includes J Street, JDCA, DMFI, and JAC across her career) — not the current Senate race.	**NO EVIDENCE FOUND THIS CYCLE — leaning clean, 2024 House-cycle AIPAC link remains on record**
Emily's List	~$44,000 steered through Emily's List — a PAC supporting Democratic women who back abortion rights — acting as her comparable conduit in this race, per the same nonpartisan report.	**NOTE**
Small donors / grassroots	$8.9 million raised Q1 2026 — vast majority from individual donors. More Alaska in-state donors than Sullivan in raw numbers.	**CLEAN**

AIPAC MONEY: **NO EVIDENCE FOUND, 2026 CYCLE** — the 2024 House-race AIPAC conduit connection stays on the record as history, but is not repeating in this Senate race per current reporting.

BILLIONAIRE / DARK MONEY: **NO MAJOR DARK MONEY FOUND** — predominantly small-donor funded.

> **ARCHITECT ANALYSIS — MARY PELTOLA (updated):** The 2026 picture is cleaner for Peltola than Session 1 left it — no fresh AIPAC money found in this race, with Emily's List playing the equivalent conduit role instead. Her 2024 AIPAC history stays in the file because it happened and voters should know it, but it should not be presented as an active flag on her current Senate bid without new evidence, and none has surfaced.

STATUS: SESSION 2 COMPLETE. Sullivan's AIPAC flag is now CONFIRMED via nonpartisan reporting. Peltola's 2026-cycle AIPAC status reads clean; her 2024 history is preserved as context, not an active flag. Nonpartisan primary August 18, 2026. RCV general November 3.

CHANGELOG (Session 2, August 2026):
— Sullivan AIPAC status: PENDING → CONFIRMED FLAGGED (~$250,000 pass-through contributions, 2026 cycle, per Alaska Public Media/FEC review)
— Added distinction between TrackAIPAC's $131,100+ career-total figure (advocacy tracker, all cycles) and the $250,000 2026-cycle-specific figure (nonpartisan outlet) — these are not additive
— Peltola AIPAC status: PENDING → no evidence found for 2026 cycle; 2024 House-cycle history preserved as context, not treated as an active flag
— Updated Q1 2026 fundraising figures for both candidates

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