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Working hard to ensure our wildlife is managed sustainably with an emphasis on protecting and enhancing resident hunting opportunities!

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To: House Resources Committee

Re: Board of Game appointments: Carri Ann Mueller and Al Barrette

Representative Burke and Dibert and members of the House Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) is an all-Alaskan grassroots hunting conservation organization with over 3500 members from across the state that advocates for sustainable wildlife management policies with an emphasis on protecting and enhancing resident hunting opportunities.

Below is our position on the recent appointments to the Board of Game

Carri Ann Mueller – SUPPORT

We support Carri Ann Mueller's appointment to the Board of Game. Carri Ann is an avid hunter and pilot and has hunted across the state and is aware of the many issues facing the hunting community today. She has been involved with many hunting organizations in the state, volunteering her time, and is also a hunter-ed instructor. We believe Carri-Ann will be a good addition to the Board of Game in making decisions that are in the best interests of our wildlife and protecting resident hunting opportunities.

Al Barrette – SUPPORT

We have always supported Al Barrette in the past, prior to the board being stacked with big-game guides to where it was (and still is) unbalanced in favor of commercial hunting interests. We still support Al and his reappointment to the Board of Game, even though he is a guide. He is one of the most knowledgeable members on the board with long experience serving on the Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee. He understands the issues well and has been an asset to the Board of Game in many ways.

In supporting Al Barrette, we do want to be clear that the membership of the Board of Game down the line should be one that adheres to the statute requiring a diversity of interests on the board.

Sincerely,

Mark Richards

Executive Director Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK)