

Dear Representative Stutes,

My family and I operate a flyfishing guide service out of Sitka, Alaska. We fish the rivers on Baranof and Chichagof Islands as well as the saltwater in Sitka Sound where many salmon live their adult lives. The salmon that occupy the waters of the Gulf of Alaska are our livelihood and we depend on them to feed our bodies and souls. Salmon connect the land and rivers to the ocean whether an international border has been drawn between the salmon's natal waters and adult waters. Please be cognizant of this connection.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to Alaskans' concerns regarding transboundary mining and the risks posed to our downstream interests. The health of our watersheds and way of life in Alaska ultimately depends on public involvement to protect clean water and habitat.

Mining in transboundary watersheds must be held to a higher, internationally shared set of standards. The United States and Canadian federal governments must secure enforceable protections and financial assurances for our transboundary rivers.

Thank you for using your role as representatives of the people of Alaska to ensure the State of Alaska secures the commitment from the United States federal government to pursue international solutions to this international problem.

Sincerely,

Tad Kisaka

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