

The Honorable Carl Gatto  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

March 17, 2009

Dear Representative Gatto,

We are youth members of Alaska Youth for Environmental Action. We are writing in support of the House Bill # 70, Alaska Grown Agricultural Products. We are supportive of the bill because we directly see the health, economic and environmental costs of unsustainable food systems.

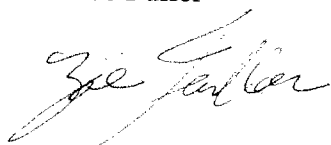
Current food is, for the most part, cooked and packaged elsewhere and flown in from out of state. This creates an unsustainable food system. We feel little connection to the food and shipping uses fossil fuels. Local food would be less processed, would use less fossil fuel in shipping, and would improve Alaskan economy by keeping money in the state. Our experience with school foods as they are now motivates us to advocate for change.

As students we care about our health and the food served because it directly impacts our health and well being. As citizens of the earth we care about our environment. As Alaskans we care about our local economy.

We support House bill #70, Alaska Grown Agricultural Products. Thank you for introducing and promoting the Alaska Grown Agricultural Products bill. We appreciate your efforts to improve environmental, economic, and human health.

Sincerely,

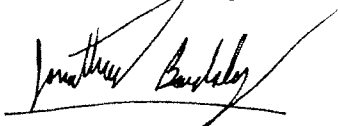
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