

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Representative Craig Johnson
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 126
Juneau, AK 99801- 1182

Dear Representative Johnson:

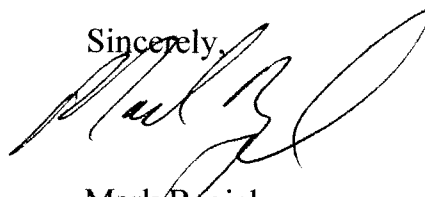
Because invasive plant species threaten native fish, plants and wildlife in Alaska, I fully support HB 12 and the formation of the Alaska Council on Invasive Species.

The collaboration and strategic planning set forth in the HB 12 are important steps in addressing invasive species in Alaska. We must do all we can to prevent the introduction of invasive species and have the ability respond rapidly as a community when needed.

Thank you for your work on this matter and please let me know if my office can lend any further assistance.

*Thanks for
your work!*

Sincerely,



Mark Begich
Senator