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The Honorable Steve Thompson, Chair
Alaska State House
Special Committee on Fisheries
State Capitol, Room 428
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Thompson,

SCI Alaska Chapter is the leading hunter-conservationist organization in the world, as well as here in Alaska. It is our mission to promote conservation of species and the freedom to hunt. Our record here in Alaska clearly illustrates our commitment to that mission from leading the fight against anti-hunters at the ballot box to leading the wood bison restoration project, we are as our motto says, "First for Hunters".

We are writing today to express our support for HCR 25 regarding the commemoration of the Wildlife Restoration Act. This act was made possible by the tireless work of hunter-conservationists who requested that the hunting community be taxed to pay for wildlife. It would be well to remember that this request came during the Great Depression when many Americans were facing financial hardship. Despite that obstacle, hunters pursued and won the creation of the Wildlife Restoration Act agreeing to pay a tax in order to support wildlife conservation.

We ask you as you consider this legislation to remember that we hunters support the user pay system and feel that it is more than fitting the creation of that system be recognized by HCR 25. Please pass this resolution from your committee at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Terry Holliday
President

cc: Rep. Mark Neuman

SCI's Top Gun Chapter