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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my support for the legislative effort to add "Moose/Big Bull Derbies" to the gaming laws in the state of Alaska. With the success of other events in the state such as the halibut and salmon derbies in Valdez and Homer, the interior has the potential to host an event to rival others.

I began working on the idea of a "Big Bull Derby" several years ago as a way to help fund and support the UAF Rifle Team. In times of tight financial constraints, any type of fundraising option is a welcome one. After discussing it with several potential sponsors the idea proved to be solid. I believe it can and will be one of the most looked forward to events each year, much like the Nenana Ice Classic.

By having a partner like the Tanana Valley Sportsman's Association and their experience with gaming rules, regulations, and nuances, we think that we have the possibility to build a strong lasting relationship that will help both organizations become more financially sound and successful. This can only help us to continue to provide education and opportunities for the youth and competitive shooters around Alaska. Financial support such as can be gained here is also a critical part of the Alaska Nanook Rifle teams success on the national level which brings exposure to the University of Alaska, and Alaska as a state.

Thank you so much for your time and support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email.

Sincerely,