



Council of
Alaska Producers

**Comments on SJR016
Opposing Federal Aid to Certain Non-Profits**

February 5, 2014

The Honorable Senator Cathy Giessel
Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Giessel:

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) is writing to support Senate Joint Resolution 16 urging the federal government to stop providing funding, through federal agencies, to non-governmental organizations that oppose the development of Alaska's resources.

CAP is a non-profit trade association formed in 1992 and serves as a spokesperson for the large metal mines and major metal developmental projects in the state. Bringing together mining companies with interest in Alaska, the Council represents and informs members on legislative and regulatory issues, supports and advances the mining industry, educates members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues, and promotes economic opportunity and environmentally sound mining practices.

Alaska has a long history of responsibly managing its natural resource wealth for the maximum benefit of its people as mandated by its Constitution. CAP supports the Alaska Legislature in taking a hard stance opposing any efforts by federal agencies to hinder or delay development of the state's natural resources by providing funding used for advocacy campaigns opposed to resource development. CAP supports a permitting process that is rigorous, science based, transparent and predictable and we oppose federal funding of groups that may work to prejudice the public and preempt the process.

Thank you for introducing this resolution and for your support of responsible development of Alaska's resources.

Sincerely,

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