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Senator Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Capitol Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

The Alaska Miners Association writes to express its support for Senate Joint Resolution 15, opposing any land designation of Alaska land or water as an international park, world heritage site, biosphere reserve, Ramsar site, or other classification of land or water that affects the use of land or water by the state or an Alaska Native corporation without approval by the United States Congress and the Alaska State Legislature.

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) is a non-profit membership organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,500 individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, vendors, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies. Our members look for and produce gold, silver, platinum, molybdenum, lead, zinc, copper, coal, limestone, sand and gravel, crushed stone, armor rock, and other materials.

AMA does not support actions that decrease or prevent access to Alaska's lands. In 1980, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) designated millions of acres within Alaska as conservation system units, and more importantly, issued a promise that "No More" lands would be precluded from a multiple-use, fully accessible classification. The Federal government today should keep that promise, and block no further acreage from access, exploration, and with hope, development of all uses.

Thank you for introducing this resolution and ensuring lands within Alaska remain available for the maximum benefit of all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director