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Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee  
120 4<sup>th</sup> St. Rm. 427  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

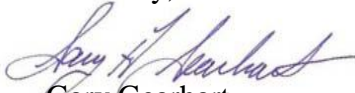
SCI Alaska Chapter supports the effort to provide the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) the authorization it needs to develop a workable solution to regulating guides. SB 160, if enacted, will provide the DNR with the tools they need to accomplish that goal.

As we understand it, SB 160 merely authorizes the DNR to proceed with developing a guide concession program on state lands and we believe that to be a necessary and proper exercise to achieve stability in this valuable sector of Alaska's economy. We look forward to seeing a proposed plan in the near future and commenting on the merits of such. In our view a well regulated industry will benefit wildlife, resident hunters and the guiding industry,

SCI Alaska Chapter is a leader in the hunter-conservationist community here in Alaska and is focused on 4 main mission areas. Those are: Hunter Advocacy, Conservation of Wildlife, Humanitarian Services and Education. The Chapter's annual Hunting Expo and Sportsman's Banquet is the largest gathering of hunters in Alaska and is privileged to be the home of the Governor's Conservationist of the Year Award. We are also particularly proud of our commitment to our military, police and firefighters on American Heroes Night which takes place in conjunction with the Hunting Expo.

We want to thank Senator Coghill for introducing this legislation and will be working with your fellow Senators to encourage its passage in the near future.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Gearhart  
President

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