

**From:** Vicki Faeo  
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**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel  
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RE: DNR Guide Concession Program – [dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/gcp](http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/gcp)

I was born and raised in Alaska, and have hunted here my whole life. Following the Supreme Court ruling in 1988 (Owsichuk vs State), I proceeded with my future plans of owning my own Big Game Guide Hunting Lodge. In 1996 I started as an assistant guide then in 2001 I passed the requirements of a Registered Big Game Guide-Outfitter. In 2002 I was licensed as a transporter.

I bought land and completed my first Hunting Lodge in 2001 in Game Management Unit 16. I have guided in this unit for Black Bear, Brown Bear, Moose, and Wolf. Then in 2007 I built my second lodge in Game Management Unit 19 to accommodate non resident moose hunters (due to change in the hunting regulations), Brown Bear, Black Bear, Wolf, Bison and Caribou hunters. I have made HUGE investments, in excess of \$600,000 for my guiding business. I have equipped both lodges with ATV's, snowmobiles, boats, and airplanes. I purchased land and built hunting lodges to provide clients with a professional and personal Alaskan hunting experience. I am not a big operation, and cannot afford any additional expense imposed on my business by the State.

Master/Registered Guide-Outfitters monitor the amount of wildlife harvested to protect their investments. There will always be a problem with transporters, they have made no investment, and are not trained or licensed to provide professional hunt services, (they provide services to non resident hunters) and have no reason to monitor wildlife management.

If a guide has made the commitment to accomplishing the end result of being a professional one on one hunting guide like I have, the State of Alaska should not be able to take my business away from me. I am only one example of hundreds of Registered Guides that will be affected.

The Guide Concession Program proposal will force small guides out of business and eliminate jobs such as assistant guides, camp hosts, packers, cooks, and other necessary personnel for small guide operations.

All of this to accomplish the wishes of a select few Alaska Professional Hunter Association members.

The simple low cost solution – Non Resident hunters will be selected by permit draw for Sheep, Goat and Brown Bear, since the State already monitors harvest and wildlife management and can set the number of permits.

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