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Dear Representative Stolze,

Thank you for introducing HCR01 to coordinate and strengthen Alaska's efforts to create a local food system. Food production and food security must become a top priority of the state. There is less than a week's supply of food in the state. We ship in almost all the food we consume. We are dependent on a food distribution system that has been disrupted numerous times due to natural and man caused disasters.

Farmers and ranchers are thwarted by regulations that prohibit the growth and expansion of the industry. Agencies providing inspection services, veterinary services and the oversight of land issues are currently functions of several different agencies. I believe implementation of HCR01 would help develop a local sustainable food system by coordinating resources of several agencies resources on the mission of providing food for Alaska.

Creation of a strong local food system will greatly strengthen the security of Alaska by stemming the export of food dollars and putting the source of our food 1800 miles closer.

I urge support of the rest of the legislature and passage of HCR01. We also urge its support and implementation by the Governor.

Sincerely,

Bryce Wrigley  
President, Alaska Farm Bureau



## Catholic Social Services

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January 30, 2013

Representative Bill Stoltze  
State Capitol Room 515  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Stoltze,

Catholic Social Services (CSS) supports bill HCR01 and the vision to improve our food systems for the benefit of all Alaskans. CSS operates the largest food pantry in the state — St. Francis House located in Anchorage. Last year, we provided groceries at no cost to 15,493 unduplicated and 49,836 duplicated clients who experienced food insecurity.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature supports the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC) and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group --**producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans** -- supports several of the goals of the AFPC and CSS. We look forward to collaborating with the new working group and all the state agencies involved in our food system to address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

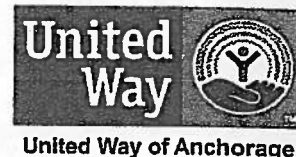
Sincerely,

Susan H. Bomalaski, Ph.D., LPC  
Executive Director

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28 January 2013

**RE: Letter of Support for HCR-01 Establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group**

Dear Representative Stoltze:


A strong and secure Alaskan food system is essential to the health and wellness of all Alaskans.

This resolution supports collaboration and intentional integration of resources among the many interests involved in our state's food supply chain to improve our food system. By working together, Alaska will have a more efficient, sustainable, and effective food resource development policy and framework that works for all Alaskans and will

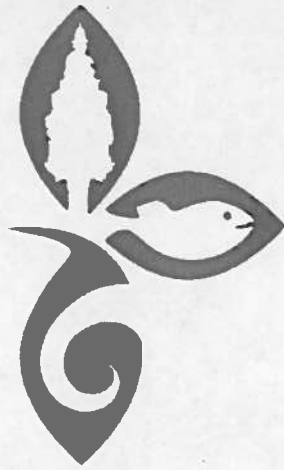
- Deliver a strong and secure food system that can provide jobs, support healthy communities, and increase food security to feed the hungry and insulate us from potential disruptions along the food supply chain.
- Leverage the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council with over 200 Alaskans from the farming, fishing, business, food banking/anti-hunger network, health, and environmental conservation sectors of our state. Stakeholders formed and joined this policy council because of their concerns of the many Alaskan food challenges, and are and will be working to tackle them in a comprehensive way.
- Provide nutritious and affordable, especially local foods, that are part of the solution to support Alaskans in their efforts to have healthy weights and prevent disease.
- Support the goal that 90% of Alaskan students graduate on time by the year 2020. When students are distracted by hunger, they are unable to focus, stay and succeed in school.
- Bend the cost curve on healthy foods so that families don't have to choose between paying for heat or for food.

Thank you for sponsoring this resolution and the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

  
Michele Brown  
President

**LIVE UNITED.**



# Southeast Alaska Conservation Council

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Representative Bill Stoltze  
District 11  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 515  
Juneau, AK 99801

January 31, 2013

Dear Representative Stoltze,

The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council supports HCR 1. A Food Resource Development Working Group is a necessary step to improve the health and security of Alaskans. Locally grown and produced foods create sustainable communities. We share a desire to see a vibrant, healthy Alaska that feeds itself off the rich lands and pure waters throughout our state.

Sustainability is a core focus for SEACC and we look forward to someday sharing our information with the Food Resource Development Working Group. Alaskans need healthy food that is grown or harvested in Alaska.

Thank you

Lindsey Ketchel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Ketchel'.

Executive Director  
SEACC

## Darrell Breese

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**From:** Tracy Gagnon <tracy@sitkawild.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:22 AM  
**To:** Darrell Breese  
**Subject:** 1,200 Members in support of HCR01  
**Attachments:** HCR01.docx

Hi Darrell,

Please see the attached letter in support of HCR01 on behalf of our 1,200 members at the Sitka Conservation Society. We believe it critical that the Governor establish a food resource development working group to address our state, regional, and local food security.

Thanks,  
Tracy Gagnon

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Dear Representative Stolze,

My name is Tracy Gagnon and I am writing to express my strong support of HCR01 on behalf of our 1,200 members of the Sitka Conservation Society (SCS). At SCS we are dedicated to developing sustainable communities in Southeast Alaska. A core component of a sustainable community is a viable food system. We have worked to support the development of a viable food system by connecting the local seafood industry to institutional food services in Alaska. One of the programs where we have done this successfully is through our Fish to Schools (F2S) program, which helped get local fish into the local school lunch program. F2S connects fishermen, seafood processors, local school districts, and food service providers to ensure that local seafood is served to students through the school lunch program. This program not only strengthens our local food system but supports and creates jobs, bolsters economic activity, and connects our community to its deepest cultural roots. A state food resource development working group, through HCR01, would strengthen the capacity of our food system and generate cumulative benefits for our state's health and economy.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature support the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group, **producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans**, supports several of the goals of the AFPC and our mission at SCS. As a member of the AFPC, we look forward to collaborating with the new working group and state agencies to strengthen our food system and address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

*Tracy Gagnon  
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**Darrell Breese**

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**From:** Lisa Sadleir-Hart <sitkalocalfoodsnetwork@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:19 AM  
**To:** Darrell Breese  
**Subject:** HCRO1 support

Dear Representative Stolze,

My name is Lisa Sadleir-Hart, co-chair of the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC), treasurer of the Sitka Local Foods Network and former Community Nutrition Department Manager with the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. I am writing to express my strong support of HCR01. The vision of the AFPC is healthy, secure food systems that feed all Alaskans and its mission is to improve our food systems for the benefit of all Alaskans, and I believe that HCR01 would enable us to accomplish our mission more effectively in our state. This resolution would allow us to see more collaboration between the many interests involved in our state's food supply chain and thereby help us accomplish a more efficient, sustainable, and effective food resource development policy for Alaska that works for all Alaskans.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature support the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group -- producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans -- supports several of the goals of the AFPC. The Alaska Food Policy Council looks forward to collaborating with the new working group and all the state agencies involved in our food system to address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sadleir-Hart, MPH, RD, CHES  
Co-Chair, Alaska Food Policy Council

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**Darrell Breese**

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**From:** Milli <millimom@xyz.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 7:44 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bill Stoltze  
**Subject:** re: HCR 1

Dear Rep. Stoltze,

Thank you for again bringing forward HCR 1, that would establish a State Food Resource Development Working Group. I see this as a very positive way to assist and encourage more local, locally grown and produced products within Alaska. In Homer we have a very active agriculture community, that has grown tremendously over the past years with the access to high tunnels, and, the peony flower industry, alongside the long existing beef and grasslands productions. I believe the State can play a vital role in assisting these growers, to the benefit of all Alaskans, and therefore I strongly support HCR 1.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Milli Martin  
PO Box 2652  
Homer, AK 99603  
907-235-6652.

**Darrell Breese**

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**From:** Marsha Rouggy <mrouggy@xyz.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:28 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bill Stoltze

Dear Rep. Bill Stoltze,

Thank you for supporting agriculture in Alaska. We need all the help we can get. I remember a time when the Seward Highway was closed by avalanche for 2 weeks, with only very short openings before another one came down. The grocery stores had bare shelves in 3 days. I think sometimes the farmers' markets are seen as a luxury or a trendy thing to do, but we serve an amazing number of people and get the freshest possible food on the plates of Alaskans. Our little Homer Farmers' Market has over a thousand visitors a day. Thank you for introducing HCR1.

Marsha Rouggy  
Homer Farmers' Market President

**Darrell Breese**

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**To:** Mary Sullivan  
**Subject:** RE: FBA Supports HCR01

**From:** Mary Sullivan [<mailto:msullivan@foodbankofalaska.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2013 6:35 PM  
**Subject:** FBA Supports HCR01

Greeting Representative Bill Stoltze,

I would like to write and express Food Bank of Alaska's strong support of HCR01. At Food Bank of Alaska we believe that no one deserves to be hungry. We have fought tirelessly for the approximately 105,000 hungry Alaskans to find private sector solutions and work to maximize the efficiency and accountability and impact of available food assistance programs. But we will never find a lasting solution to the problem of hunger in Alaska if we are not working together with all our food supply and distribution stakeholders. That's why Food Bank of Alaska joined the over 200 Alaskans working with the Alaska Food Policy Council (AFPC), including stakeholders from the farming, fishing, business, health, and environmental conservation sectors of our state. We joined because of our shared concerns about the many food challenges we face, and we are looking for a way to tackle them in a comprehensive way. Some of these challenges include:

- **Businesses** see that over a billion dollars a year that Alaskans spend on food is being exported to communities in the lower 48. These "food dollars" could be staying right here in our communities, putting people to work.
- **Health professionals** see skyrocketing rates of obesity, and deaths from diet-related disease, like diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. Families and food safety advocates are worried about death and illness from contaminated food.
- **Teachers** see kids in school performing poorly because they are hungry or eating too many empty calories and junk food.
- **Families** in communities with high fuel prices are **forced to choose between paying for heat or for food**, and food is losing.

We are excited that HCR01 has been introduced and strongly support the formation of a food resources and development working group to help address Alaska's food supply and food security challenges. Thank you,

Mary Sullivan

Director of Advocacy & Agency Relations

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*Last year, with just a click, 1,200 Alaskans helped FBA acquire 365,000 lbs of food! Pick.Click.Give for FBA in 2013, let's make the new year a tough one for hunger in Alaska!*

## Darrell Breese

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**From:** Marty <marty\_langlois@lksd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2013 11:35 AM  
**To:** Darrell Breese  
**Subject:** re support for HCR01

Dear Representative Stolze,

My name is *Marty Langlois* (*Bethel Lions Club Food Bank*), and I am writing to express my strong support of HCR01. The vision of the AFPC and our Bush Bethel Lions Club is healthy, secure food systems that feed all Alaskans and its mission is to improve our food systems for the benefit of all Alaskans, and I believe that HCR01 would enable us to accomplish our mission more effectively in our state. This resolution would allow us to see more collaboration between the many interests involved in our state's food supply chain and thereby help us accomplish a more efficient, sustainable, and effective food resource development policy for Alaska that works for *all* Alaskans.

I am pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature support the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council and encourage the Governor to establish a new state food resource development working group. The primary goal of the new working group -- **producing more locally grown and harvested food items to be consumed in Alaska, by Alaskans** -- supports several of the goals of the AFPC. The Alaska Food Policy Council looks forward to collaborating with the new working group and all the state agencies involved in our food system to address Alaska's critical food challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

P.S. I've been involved in our Bethel Lions Club Food Bank for 15 years and what used to arrive in variety and mass, now has dwindled to a mere shadow of past plenty. Yet, we served 95 families in January and they came with the temp near -20 and many paying the \$5 cab fare each way. There is a great need to address the most basic needs of the poor out here and in all of ALASKA, but the Bush has its poverty as well as the road system communities. Just to get the food from the airport to our Food Bank, we use private vehicles. My Caravan's suspension, now shot, resembles an upside down "U". One reality of our plight out here. But it is the poor who suffer and with prices in the Bush rising for everything, we need all the State support we can get to even meagerly get what food we can to those in need. Qu yana, Marty Langlois, Bethel Lions Club P.o. Box 646, Bethel, AK 99559



**Darrell Breese**

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**To:** Scott Gruhn  
**Subject:** RE: In support of HCR01

**From:** Scott Gruhn [<mailto:sgruhn@alaska.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 26, 2013 8:36 AM  
**Subject:** In support of HCR01

Hello ~

I'm writing to support HCR01. I am an engineer in Anchorage; my only ties to the issue of food security are that I'm an Alaskan who eats and who cares about others.

Alaska needs greater food security, and HCR01 is the ideal next step in that direction. There are obvious benefits to food security, such as the old adage that every country (or region) is only three meals away from revolution. Here in Alaska, we are at risk of substantial earthquakes and volcanoes, which can completely block transportation and isolate us, just when we are at the moment of greatest need. We are so remote from the rest of the continent that such isolation could claim many lives.

There are other, less obvious benefits to pursuing greater food security, too, such as increased job opportunities, especially in rural Alaska where food costs are at their highest and employment opportunities are at their lowest.

Please do everything in your power to ensure passage of HCR01.

Thank you.

Scott Gruhn,  
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cell: 907-632-8626

Attention: Darrel Breese ☺  
465-4428

**Dean Hamburg**

**Subject:**

FW: Testimony Support - HCR01 Dean Hamburg - Alaska School Nutrition Association

## **ALASKA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION-- AKSNA**

**TO:** Honorable Representative Bill Stolze

**FROM:** Dean Hamburg-Public Policy and Legislative Chair-Alaska School Nutrition Association

**Subject:** Testimony-Support for HCR01 -Food Security

Please know I am prepared to call in on Tuesday 1/31/2013 11:15 AM with a commitment to share the following support for HCR01.

907-714-3830 Office 907-420-7443 Cell

My name is Dean Hamburg and I serve as Public Policy and Legislative Chair for the Alaska School Nutrition Association.

I also serve as Administrator for the 83 USDA school meals programs sponsored by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

Please know President Ann Pennington for the Alaska School Nutrition Association, shares AKSNA support for HCR01, as a step toward improved food security for Alaska families.

Any effort to bring a greater availability of more Alaska/ local sourced and/or processed foods is a good thing for Alaska's children and adults.

Those of us responsible for producing the millions of school meals provided to Alaska students each year, welcome any effort to increase the ability of Alaska food producing entities to meet the growing demand for school meal programs.

As approximately 43% of Alaska Families qualify for free or reduced priced USDA school meals, those of us challenged with meeting this need for school food supply, too much depend on sourcing foods from outside of Alaska.

We very much welcome the actions & effort represented in HCR01 as a positive step toward bringing quality foods and increased quantities of Alaska foods to Alaska children served by school meal programs across Alaska.

In school meal programs, our mission is nutrition to Alaska's children. Any actions for improved support to Alaska food security is encouraged.

HCR01 is a meaningful helpful step toward that food security to Alaska's children.

Thank you for your kind consideration of HCR01.

*Dean Hamburg* 1/29/13  
**Dean Hamburg - Public Policy and Legislative Chair - Alaska School Nutrition Association**

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