



**Comments on HB99: Extend Alaska Minerals  
Commission**

Council of  
**Alaska Producers**

February 18, 2013

The Honorable Representative Dan Saddler  
House of Representatives  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Saddler

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) would like to thank you for introducing HB99, the act that would extend the termination date of the Alaska Minerals Commission.

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. The Council brings together mining companies with interest in Alaska to represent and inform members on legislative and regulatory issues, to support and advance the mining industry, to provide education to members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues, and to promote economic opportunity and environmentally sound mining practices.

The Council fully supports HB99 as we believe the Alaska Mineral Commission fulfills a valuable role in advising the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature on ways to mitigate constraints on mineral development in the state.

The members of the Commission are appointed from across the state and reflect the diversity of the modern mining industry in that they have experience in the exploration, permitting, placer, hard rock, and coal mining sectors. This diversity allows them to independently evaluate what is needed to allow the industry to flourish in Alaska and extension of the Commission for another ten years will ensure their important recommendations continue to be heard.

We thank you for longstanding support of the Alaska mining industry and we look forward to providing additional support to this bill as it moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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