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Dear Members of the House Resources Committee,

I am writing in support of HB87. I have read the DNR briefing paper and the bill and I believe the proposed changes could be very important to the remaining timber industry in Alaska. Viking Lumber Company has been continuously operating on Prince of Wales Island for twenty years.

With the failure of the United States Forest Service to provide an adequate supply of timber, the state DNR has been extremely important in providing timber in critical times, some of which has been through negotiated sales. The passing of HB87 would help ensure that Viking Lumber Company would have a continuous supply of timber to keep the sawmill operating well into the future.

Sincerely,

Kirk Dahlstrom

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Secretary
Viking Lumber Company