

29th State of Alaska Legislators
State Capitol Rooms (426 for Rep. K.T.)
Juneau, AK 99801

March 8, 2015

Dear Alaskan Representatives,

Congratulations on introducing HB 53 we commend you for your commitment to an open and transparent government! We were concerned about the Constitutionality of the previous bill that passed in 2013 - specifically, Section 2. How would you know the **"Will of the people"** if you have gagged them? We are extremely concerned about herbicide spraying proposed by the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) along roadways in southeast Alaska. Maintaining mechanical brush cutting is safe and non toxic.

Reinstating public comment and hearings on issues that affect our Health and lives is critical. This maintains a democratic process, which is the right of every citizen under the constitution. To have a voice and be able to voice it, and not a facia state where we are gagged in speaking about issues that affect us, and the flora and fauna in our immediate environment.

We support this bill, which will aid in giving us a say in what is and is not done to the health of our surroundings, which we depend on heavily for subsistence.

For us all our protein is deer or fish (we buy none from the store), water sources that are contaminated are not acceptable as is the contamination of roadsides where we pick our berries (our only fruit source), and where the deer browse.

We are your constituents. Please listen to the rising call of the people that public process and voice are mandatory and that we will defend our environment.

Thank you for your ear. I have been an RN for 35 yrs, and seen enough of the suffering caused by bad decisions.....

Sincerely,..... jeri Rosenthal