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Subject: Support of HB 254

Dear Representative Stutes,

I would like to sincerely thank you for sponsoring and supporting HB 254. While I serve, at the pleasure of the Governor, as a member of the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) perhaps more importantly I am a lifelong Alaskan and Professional Guide that has been fortunate enough to enjoy my profession and the natural resources of Alaska for the last 27 years, in large part thanks to the dedication, effort, work and regulatory processes provided by the BGCSB and its members.

Without the regulatory oversight, leadership and direction the BGCSB has, and will continue, to provide the guiding and transporter industries, those professions, the public and our natural resources in our great State will significantly suffer, just as it did when the BGCSB was last sunsetted and the State of Alaska took over the regulatory authority of the big game guides and transporters. When our board was reappointed we did inherit, from the States management, a significant financial liability but we are actively addressing that debt and working towards eliminating it, though some have argued it was a debt not created by the BGCSB, or the industry, as much as poor State management but regardless it is a responsibility we, as a board, have accepted and undertaken to correct and are in the process of doing so.

I fully support passage of HB 254 and look forward to continuing to work with the other members of the BGCSB and the public to help educate and improve the industries we are tasked to regulate. Again, I thank you for sponsoring and supporting HB 254 and should you have any questions, or if I may be of any assistance at all, please feel free to contact me via email or on my cell phone at 907-223-3226 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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