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To: Dave Talerico

State of Alaska Representative District 6

From: Brad Cox

Co-owner/ manager Logging and Milling Associates

Dave,

Thank you for your public service in our district and the opportunity to lend my support for HB87.

A little about myself and about the company that I founded with my partner Thomas Nerbonne back in 1989. We grew up in the small community of Dry Creek. After our schooling , we chose to start a business in the community to give back to the citizens there, that sought to be self sufficient and rely as little on the state as possible.

Yet, we found that the State indeed had resources that made our remote community able to thrive and prosper with the smallest amount of state funding possible.

We have purchased state timber since 1989 and it has been the resource that sustained us both financially and for the entirety of the community's heat. The Forestry Resource side of DNR is vital to us. The southeast timber industry and wood source is vital to Forestry. Our small industry and shrinking agency must hang onto the heart of what is left. Further legislative hindrance and inability to tailor to very specific industry needs could cripple the fragile existence of what we have.

I understand we are a small cross section of your constituency, yet my partner and I have invested 5 million into our business over the years and we directly and indirectly affect about 80 souls who owe their lively hood to this diverse resource and resource agency that has proven willing to aid us and serve us. Many other citizens rely on our business for their building products and firewood to heat their homes.

I believe the southeast community that this bill affects could use this help and if it is good for our industry it is good for us here at Logging and Milling Associates. We do reside in the Tok

Management area and purchase timber from the Tok office. Please consider giving your support for this HB87.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

Brad Cox