

Dear Representative Stutes,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to Alaskans' concerns regarding transboundary mining real and potential impacts. The health of our watersheds and way of life in Alaska ultimately depends on public and federal involvement to protect clean water and habitat.

Mining in transboundary watersheds must be held to a higher, internationally shared set of standards. The United States and Canadian federal governments must secure enforceable protections and financial assurances for our transboundary rivers.

As Lt. Governor Mallott has noted, large mining projects are only one part of the potential problem. There are dozens of historic and active mining projects of all sizes on every tributary to every transboundary river from Canada into Southeast Alaska. The cumulative impacts of these activities is potentially devastating to our fisheries. Developing baseline information and an agreed-upon standard, as well as monitoring, are fundamental to protecting the resources that are important to both nations.

Thank you for using your role as representatives of the people of Alaska to ensure the State of Alaska secures the commitment from the United States federal government to pursue international solutions to this international problem.

Sincerely,

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