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The Honorable Cathy Giessel, Chair
Alaska State Senate Resources Committee
Juneau, AK 99801

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Dear Senator Giessel,

I am writing as Vice President of Safari Club International (SCI) and in support of our two chapters in Alaska, the Alaska Chapter and the Kenai Chapter. As chair of the national government affairs committee, we would like to add our support for the reappointment of Ted Spraker to the Alaska Board of Game. Mr. Spraker has not only exhibited exemplary knowledge and understanding of game management in Alaska, as Chair he has attended important national meetings where he has exhibited leadership skills necessary to the important task of returning wildlife management to the states.

SCI is the largest, most effective conservation group in America and both Alaskan Chapters are two of the most influential conservation groups in Alaska. Our main mission area is preserving the freedom to hunt which we accomplish through conservation, education and advocacy. We are adding our support to Mr. Spraker as he has demonstrated the necessary leadership qualities on the national stage to assist in the effort to re-establish the states as the primary managers of fish and wildlife within their boundaries. This is a leading issue among America's conservation groups and we believe circumstances are such that now is the time to resolve this question.

Ted is a strong advocate for state management authority and supports management aimed at supporting hunting and trapping through science and sustained yield principles. He is also objective while deliberating proposals taking time to prepare for meetings by reading background information and by soliciting and listening to all views on proposals and issues facing the Board of Game. Mr. Spraker has a proven track record and we believe he will be a valuable asset in effort to restore management authority to the various states.

We encourage you to reappoint Mr. Spraker thereby ensuring his extensive knowledge, experience and personal relationship skills continue to benefit Alaska and its people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eddie Grasser".

Eddie Grasser
SCI Vice President

Cc: Senate Resources Committee Members