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To: Senate Resources Committee

Re: Board of Game appointment – Dr. Larry Van Daele

Dear Chair Giessel, Vice-Chair Coghill, and members of the Senate Resources committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) **supports** the appointment and confirmation of Dr. Larry Van Daele to the Alaska Board of Game.

We can think of few who could have jumped right in to effectively and knowledgeably fill a vacant seat at the recent Board of Game Region III meeting in Fairbanks last month, as Dr. Van Daele did. His long experience on the other side of the table as an esteemed ADFG biologist, and most recently before he retired as ADFG Regional Supervisor for southcentral Alaska Region II, and his knowledge of game management issues and the overall process, were clearly evident at the Fairbanks meeting.

Dr. Van Daele considers all sides of an issue, engages respectfully with the public both on the record and during breaks, and weighs in during deliberations on proposals with a scientific background that can only benefit the Board and all Alaskans. We believe he will always put the resource first and be fair to the concerns of resident Alaskan hunters.

We ask that you pass Dr. Van Daele's name out of committee and vote for his confirmation to the Board of Game later this session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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