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Dear Representation Rauscher,

Thank you so much for introducing HB 6 "An Act establishing the Jonesville Public Use Area." It is a much needed piece of legislation and long overdue. I have lived in Sutton for over 60 years and reside on the Jonesville Road.

I was a Mat-Su Borough Assembly Member who represented Butte and Knik River when the Knik River Public Use Area was created. One of the discussions at community council meetings at the time was the fact that reckless and unlawful behavior would find a new place. Lazy Mountain and Sutton were two communities who had those concerns. Well Sutton's concerns were well founded as witnessed by the activities we see and hear today.

For the past 5 years, the noise and rowdy behavior causing destruction to natural and private property has gotten totally out of hand. And now that the Alaska State Trooper budgets have been reduced and populations have grown in the Mat-Su Borough, troopers cannot respond when called. Residents suffer from sleeplessness, stress and the loss of property values on our homes. Needless to say we don't use the area from Fridays through Sundays!

A new system needs to be established. The Jonesville Public Use Area is a vehicle in which we can begin to manage the area to the benefit of all. Wanton vandalism of nature, trails, and private property must stop. Management is the key to begin the return of the area for the recreational benefit of all. Give Department of Natural Resources the tools to do it.

Respectfully,

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