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To: Senate Resources Committee
Re: Board of Game appointment – Tom Lamal

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

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) strongly **supports** the appointment and confirmation of Tom Lamal to the Alaska Board of Game.

Mr. Lamal has long had an interest in hunting and wildlife conservation in Alaska, and has served on the Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee and on several boards of hunting conservation and advocacy organizations, including the Ruffed Grouse Society, Alaska Outdoor Council, and Resident Hunters of Alaska. (Note: Mr. Lamal resigned from the RHAK board when he was informed he was appointed to the Board of Game earlier this year.)

Mr. Lamal has been involved with the Board of Game process for a long time and is extremely knowledgeable about issues before the board, and concerns our organization has about how we manage and allocate our wildlife resources for future hunting opportunities for Alaskans. Tom is well known by many statewide as a fair and honest man, easy to get along with, looks at all sides of an issue, with a lifetime of hunting and fishing experience in Alaska. He will be an asset on the Board of Game for all Alaskans and for the conservation and sustainability of our wildlife resources.

We ask that you pass Mr. Lamal'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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