

To Senator Stedman and the House Finance Committee members,

In regards to SB88 please accept my written testimony.

The problem with this exchange is that the United States Forest Service only wants to log the Pats Creek Lake area in Wrangell and all the way around it, and they would trade for land for Prince of Wales land. I am against Mental Health logging on this island. I live here and I, my wife and my children were all born here. Without the trees, we can't see the wildlife, pick salmon and blueberries and live a subsistence lifestyle. It takes 100 years for trees to grow back. I'm blind and I don't want our kids to not be able to enjoy the birds, animals and trees. We need to stand up and say no more logging in our towns. We can't sit under a tree and go camping without trees and our trees help clean the air. We don't need any more logging. Let us have our beauty and nature. We are the stewards of this land and need to protect it for our future generations. We need to protect our trees! Nobody stands up for our children, animals or trees and I am standing up for them.

Thank you for listening to me and God bless,

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