

Dear Representative Stutes,

Recently, the Pebble Partnership has been in the press proclaiming that the Pebble Mine will advance in 2017. I am writing to remind you that, as my elected leader, I expect you and your fellow legislators to stand up for Alaskans and tell this foreign mining company that Alaskans cannot be bought. We do not support trading our salmon industry and culture for short-term jobs at Pebble. It's foolish and irresponsible to trade a renewable resource for a finite one.

As you well know, Alaskans overwhelmingly oppose the Pebble Mine. Alaskan constituents are relying on you to point out the glaring problems that Pebble faces, the largest of which is the broad opposition from Alaskans to any proposal that threatens Bristol Bay's world-renown salmon resource. We hope you will govern with this opposition in mind.

Alaskans have been living with the threat of Pebble hanging over their heads for over decade now. It has never been a more important time for our state leaders to stand up for Alaskan jobs, businesses, and salmon. We are fine without a giant mine in Bristol Bay. Let's make 2017 the year we said yes to ensuring long-term fishing and tourism jobs, and that Alaska Native communities in Bristol Bay continue to thrive.

Sincerely,