## Sen. Chris Birch

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**To:** Sen. Chris Birch

**Subject:** SB43

Senate Resources Committee Members,

You will be reviewing SB43, sponsored by Senator Wilson, which would reauthorize the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB). As a longtime Alaskan I support this bill and support the legislature reauthorizing the Big Game Commercial Services Board. I have been employed in the hunt guiding industry since 1982, living in rural Alaska most of these years. I currently employ 6-8 staff most of whom are also Alaska Residents.

After the sunset of the original Guide License and Control Board in the late 1980s, I actively participated in the process to establish a new guide law along with the original Big Game Commercial Services Board. The Board is essential in adopting the regulatory structure necessary to implement the statutes of the guide law. This is a public Board process. As such many stakeholders from interested members of the public, operators within the Big Game Commercial services industry, and landholders are all a necessary part of promoting a healthy and thriving community based industry. Our licensing standards as developed and administered by the Board have helped to provide a sustainable use of Wildlife resources and a viable source of income within our State. This is accomplished through the cooperation of many State and Federal agencies and other Boards like our Board of Game.

I support the Board in its efforts to maintain regulating our industry. By maintaining the Board we can assure a stable and reliable industry that allows for all user groups to cooperate and see our wildlife flourish.

Please move this bill out of committee and support its passage by the legislature.

Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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