Sen. Chris Birch

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Senate Resources Committee

I am writing in support of SB43, which would reauthorize the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

I have been guiding in Southeast Alaska since 1985 and am currently a master guide, providing brown bear and black bear hunts out of Sitka. Under the oversight of the BGCSB, the guiding industry has evolved into an important, and sustainable, part of Alaska's economy, providing employment opportunities for many in rural Alaska and helping to support our rural local economies, while protecting the State's wildlife resources..

The Board has provided guides with the representation needed to find reasonable and effective solutions to the many issues that impact our industry, while, in many cases, helping to avoid unnecessary and burdensome regulation. The BGCSB has been a success story and continues to be a very necessary part of the overall management of Alaska's big game commercial service industries. I urge you to support SB43.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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