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Dear Chairman Birch and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

As a standing Board Member of Resident Hunters of Alaska, I would like to express my support for Senate Bill 87. With the change from May to Shall, it makes the BOG accountable for their decisions; of which in the past have been detrimental to Resident hunting opportunity. When there is not enough game to allow for the sustainable harvest for all hunters, non-residents need to bear the burden of accessibility. Issues in the past have led to more conservation disasters. Look at the Chugach Sheep for example. Overharvest led to the entire range going to a draw hunt. Now, residents don't have reliable access to a group of animals that could have otherwise been avoided. This needs to be avoided in the future and SB87 addresses that. You WILL hear opposition on this bill, and it should be taken into account that the opposition has no legal bindings. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

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