

Dear Chairman Birch and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

I support Senate Bill 87. I am a resident hunter and the animals of our great state carry tremendous value to my family. Our state has been in desperate need of the proposed language change that is being addressed in this bill. I urge all of you to pass this bill because it is the first step towards securing the hunting rights of resident Alaskans.

According to ADFG, in 2017 639 dall sheep were taken with by means of harvest ticket, of which 242 were harvested by non-resident hunters. This incredibly high non-resident allocation is unacceptable. We must establish a resident first culture within the Board of Game, under the proposed SB 87, we begin to place the burden of restricted hunting opportunities on non-residents, rather than those of us that call Alaska home.

I am a father of two small girls, my wife and I do everything we can support their growth and well being. Our family depends on wild game as our primary food source. It's not that we can't afford to buy meat from the grocery store, but as the sole breadwinner of my family, rising costs of healthcare and other living expenses, wild game is a budget friendly option. Not too mention the healthiest and most environmentally friendly source of protein. We use every part of the animal that we can consume, from the meat all the way down to the liver, kidney, tongue and heart. Wild game is of utmost importance to my family and hundreds of other families just like mine.

I urge all members of the Senate Resource Committee to pass SB 87, because Alaska residents deserve the right to be first in line to our wild game resources. Besides being a hunter, I am a naturalist and conservationist. The wonder and beauty of our state is why I choose to live here. I have no greater hope than to see my children support their families by the wild resources of Alaska. SB 87 isn't just about protecting resident hunting opportunities, but a step towards mindful conservation ensuring future Alaskans the experience of living in a truly wild place.

Respectfully,

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