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Mr. Fulton,

Can you please put the letter below/attached in the document paket for next Wednesday's hearing on SB 87 as letter of support.

Thanks, John Campbell

1 April 2019

Dear Chairman Birch and Members of Senate Resources Committee,

My name is John Campbell and I live in Palmer. I am writing in to express my strong support for SB 87. One of the main reasons that I chose to move to Alaska was to enjoy its natural resources and I feel that residents should be given priority when they are limited.

I firmly believe that when a resource is limited, a resident's access to that resource must be a priority over a non-residents access or the potential income an outfitter might receive from guiding a non-resident to that resource. It shouldn't be up to the board of Game to decide on a case by case basis as it is pretty black and white to me-when a resource is limited they SHALL give residents the preference in accessing it, and limit non-residents in the process.

I have been/am a non-resident hunter in a lot of western states, and I fully agree with being limited in those states so that residents have priority over myself. I am also glad that those states don't put the money that I may be willing to spend over the rights of its residents.

I know the Alaska Professional Hunters Association is going to be adamantly against this bill because it has the potential to affect them financially. However, this issue is not about money, it's about the rights of residents to access state owned resources. I am not anti-outfitter and believe that they provide a valuable service, but their primary income source is from non-resident hunters and don't think that their private business interests should trump the rights of residents to access the resources owned by the state that they reside in.

I sincerely hope that when you vote on this you put the interests of the residents over that of financial gain by a small percentage of the population.

Thanks for your time and thought on this matter,

John Campbell

