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Dear Senate Resources Committee,

I'm writing today in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries – Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton, Marit Carlson-Van Dort and Gerad Godfrey. As a person who loves to fish in Alaska, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly. The Governor's nominees come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise that will serve us all well.

I've heard that Judge Karl Johnstone is facing opposition in Juneau from the commercial-fishing industry. Judge Johnstone served on the Board of Fisheries in the past, where he exhibited a broad understanding of the various commercial, recreational, personal-use and subsistence fisheries in Alaska. He demonstrated the leadership and fairness all Board members should be known for. In the words of the 2015 Alaska Legislature, "Mr. Johnstone's record on the Board represents the gold standard of public service."

Mr. Johnstone, in particular, will be a great asset to the Board. His previous experience as a Board member and as chairman of the Board means he'll be able to hit the ground running. His experience as a Superior Court judge gives me confidence that he can look at problems from multiple perspectives and make fair decisions.

Mr. Johnstone did an admirable job during his tenure on the board. He was known to be very approachable and to listen to all user groups. He came very well prepared for every meeting, asked appropriate, pertinent and probing questions, actively built a sound record of decision-making during deliberations and brought a welcome expectation of high performance to the Board process. With his broad understanding of the various commercial, recreational, personal-use and subsistence fisheries in Alaska, he demonstrated leadership and fairness as the Board dealt with often contentious conservation and allocation issues.

All the nominees are hard-working Alaskans, and each of them has experience in Alaska's diverse fisheries. I look forward to the balanced and thoughtful perspectives they'll bring to Alaska's fisheries management.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Alaska. Please join me in supporting the nominees to the Board of Fisheries, and cast your vote to confirm Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton, Marit Carlson-Van Dort and Gerad Godfrey.

Sincerely,
Dona Rule