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To: House Resources Committee

Re: Board of Game Appointments – Al Barrette & Orville Huntington

Dear Co-chairs Tarr, Lincoln, and members of the House Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska **supports** the confirmation of both Al Barrette and Orville Huntington to the Board of Game.

Mr. Barrette previously was appointed to a seat on the Board of Game under the Parnell administration but was not confirmed by the legislature. Why Mr. Barrette was not confirmed had to do mostly with his position in support of (required) Intensive Management predator control efforts to boost declining moose and caribou herds and his vote while serving on the Board in 2010 to repeal the Denali wolf buffer zone; he was one of four votes out of seven while initially serving on the board to repeal the Denali wolf buffer zone, which has always and continues to be a controversial topic. We would hope no board member or politician is judged entirely by a single vote on a single issue.

In the years since, Mr. Barrette has served on the Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee and wildlife management working groups and continues to be heavily involved in hunting and trapping and wildlife management issues. He is always respectful to members of the public during meetings. Many look to him for his wide knowledge of our game laws and regulations. Moreso than most appointees, he can jump right into a Board of Game seat fully informed on the issues and knowledgeable about the process.

Mr. Huntington can also jump right into a Game Board seat, having served on the Board of Fisheries for so long. He brings a wealth of knowledge about hunting practices and subsistence issues to the table. We are very grateful he is willing to serve on the Board of Game and appreciate his continued service to all Alaskans who live here to hunt, fish, trap, and view our amazing wildlife.

Sincerely,
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