From: E Bontempi
To: House Resources; Senate Resources
Subject: Governor"s Appointees for the Board of Game
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To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing to urge you NOT to allow Mr. Barrette to hold the BOG position, as his past behaviors and values are inconsistent with the well being of the animals and environment of Alaska. Not only does he have a history of manufacturing and selling wolf traps, participating in the aerial hunting of wolves, but has also made it very clear that he plans on removing wildlife buffers around Denali National Park and allowing bear baiting and the taking of wolf pups from their dens. His treatment of animals is very unethical and it puts the entire state of Alaska in a very bad light in the eyes of other states. Alaska has long been appreciated for its natural beauty and people come from all over the world to view wildlife, fish, hike, photograph, and enjoy one of the last places on earth that still has relatively untouched natural beauty. Each year the state receives billions of dollars each through the tourism industry, as people want to experience time in nature. It is truly the last frontier and is a gem among all other states. To allow a person such as Mr. Barrette, who openly demonstrates a complete disregard for animal life to hold a place as BOG is not only placing endangered and protected animals at risk, but is also taking away money from the state because if animals are no longer present to view.

The United States has worked very hard at reviving the wolf population, and southeast Alaska is home to an endangered species of wolf, the Archipelago Wolf. This species is very well known and loved by the public, including children, made famous through the true story of Romeo the wolf who lived in Juneau before a careless hunter shot and killed Romeo, a collared wolf.

I am urging you to consider the well being of the animals in the state of Alaska, as well as the money that will be lost through tourism and animal observation and studies if Mr. Barrette is allowed to become a BOG member. I am urging you to not allow Mr. Barrette to be confirmed as a BOG member.

Sincerely
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