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Hello:

Year after year I've attended and testified at the AK Board of Game meetings asking and begging them to stop killing our predators but year after year they continue to kill them. I do not believe my testimony means anything to them. I'm just an animal lover, I'm just an Alaskan who wants a healthy natural world. I'm the direct opposite of them and they have the power and the money and the corruption and the joy of killing, so my encouragement to stop the killing is meaningless to them. It is a waste of time for all concerned. We no longer live in a healthy natural world, thanks to these flawed systems. Putting money interests over living wildlife. Allowing greed to kill. Allowing the sociopaths to make all the decisions. Our system has failed wildlife and anyone who cares for it. Our system holds up the killers and people who profit from killing, thus our natural world is dying.

But here I am again trying to defend wildlife. I am writing to ask that you please reject Mr. Barrette for all of these reasons:

- He owns and operates the Fairbanks Fur Tannery, Mr. Barrette manufactures and sells wolf traps, and has been a permitted gunner as part of the aerial hunting of wolves predator control program. He is a trappers and votes for the good of trappers only and is biased and uneducated to do differently.

- Mr. Barrette opposed the Denali Buffer Zone, but he also supported the moratorium preventing the consideration of a reimplementation of a buffer zone for at least six years.

- After voting to repeal the Denali Buffer Zone, Mr. Barrette suggested the BOG authorize using a snow machine to harvest wolves in the "old" buffer zone.

- There was a conflict of interest in Mr. Barrette voting on the Denali buffer zone issue, and he should have recused himself from voting given his personal business had the potential to profit from removal of the zone since it would lead to increased wolf trapping opportunities, but he did not.

- While he did vote in favor of more bear baits he did not know if it violated Alaska's constitution as he did not seek professional review of the constitution.

- Mr. Barrette confirmed that he voted to allocate to nonresident use or to suppress resident use seasons on several occasions.

- He claims he listens to members of the public and Advisory Councils, but then votes or lobbies for contrary positions; only supports hunters' perspectives and does not consider other perspectives, such as those of non-consumptive users; regularly favors non-resident hunters' rights over resident and subsistence hunters' rights; has radical or extreme perspectives, even for the BOG; doesn't support fair chase hunting standards; or seems to disregard science when making decisions.

- Appointing Mr. Barrette is just another step of perpetuating unequal representation on the BOG:

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