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To: House Resources Committee

Re: HB 230 Repeal the termination date of the Intensive Management surcharge

Dear Chairs Tarr and Lincoln and members of the Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska supported the recent hunting license fee increases as well as the Intensive Management (IM) surcharge for both residents and nonresidents. The IM surcharge is important to continue as the Pittman-Robertson 3:1 matching funds received from the federal government from the sale of hunting licenses and tags is not available to be used for predation control programs.

We recognize that our IM law is intended to benefit Alaskans who depend on moose and caribou to feed their families, that when certain game populations are low, predation control may be necessary to regrow herds. Nonresidents also benefit from successful predation control programs after populations are again within the IM population and harvest objectives and hunting opportunities are available again to all.

We fully support HB 230 to repeal the termination date of the IM surcharge.

Sincerely,

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