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To whom it may concern:

The Friends of Kachemak Bay State Parks board of directors and their members stand opposed to: House Bill 82 and Senate Bill 62

The State of Alaska purchased back the oil leases issued Kachemak Bay in the 1970s. This put a moratorium on oil industry seismic, exploration and oil production in Kachemak Bay.

House Bill 82 and Senate Bill 62 would be in direct conflict with Alaska Statute 16.20.500, which states that the purpose of the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area is to: "protect and preserve habitat areas especially crucial to the perpetuation of fish and wildlife, and to restrict all other uses not compatible with that primary purpose.

House Bill 82 and Senate Bill 62 will set a bad statewide precedent on oil development by directional drilling from a permitted drilling site down & under a protected surface area. These bills are in direct conflict with the statutory purpose of every State Park, Game Refuge or Sanctuary, or Critical Habitat Area.

Please preserve & protect our fishing and tourism industries by stopping both: House Bill 82 and Senate Bill 62

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

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