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The Honorable Josh Revak
Chair, Senate Resources Committee
32nd Alaska State Legislature

RE: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 204

Dear Senator Revak,

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) to thank you for sponsoring SB 204 and to express our support for the bill.

The APHA strongly supports the proposed changes that this bill will bring to Alaska's Governor's Tag Program. This program has been highly effective at raising many millions of dollars for Wildlife Conservation in Alaska and it is an excellent example of the benefits that all Alaskans receive when The State partners with Alaska's own conservation-based NGOs.

The APHA is a proud participant in what in the Governor's Tag Program. This program has given our organization a positive and valuable way to raise money for wildlife conservation. We see SB 204 as pragmatic development meant to enhance the ability of organizations such as ours to continue to raise money for wildlife conservation. The APHA's members work hard to secure bidders for valuable tags while our organization advertises these opportunities, highlighting the value of the Alaska Division of Wildlife's core mission to hunters and wildlife. The Governor's tag program is something that guides take pride in and feel strongly should continue.

The APHA is appreciative of your efforts to advance SB 204. Funding management of Alaska's wildlife is based on a user pay model. We support this model and see SB 204 as part of the suit of policies that keeps funding of wildlife management in Alaska robust. Alaska's hunting guides are deeply vested in supporting wildlife conservation in Alaska and our support for SB 204 is an expression of our core values.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill.

Sincerely,

Sam Rohrer

Sam Rohrer
President, APHA

Dedicated to the conservation of our wildlife resources.