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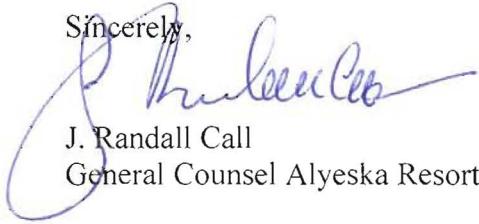
Dear Representative Hawker;

Alyeska Resort very much supports passage of House Bill 295 -- Mining Closure Legislation -- and confirmation of Commissioner Sullivan's finding that additional ground within Glacier Valley should be closed to mining. A copy of Commissioner Sullivan's Order is attached for your review. The Commissioner's Order must be confirmed by the legislature, at this session, or the Commissioner's Order becomes null and void.

There is no opposition to this legislation. In fact, the Alaska Miners Association supports this legislation and has sent a letter of support to your office. Also, the Community of Girdwood supports this legislation and has also sent a letter of support to your office. Currently, as noted in the Girdwood 2020 letter of support, portions of the ground covered by this legislation are currently being used for recreation purposes. Any additional development in the Glacier/Winner Creek area will depend on closing the area to mining. Various parties have confirmed that there really are no areas covered by this legislation that contain mineable minerals.

Alyeska Resort has already spent in excess of \$100,000 to investigate and preliminarily master plan the Glacier/Winner Creek Area. Future development in Glacier Valley needs to be recreational development, not mining development. We appreciate your willingness to sponsor this legislation.

Sincerely,



J. Randall Call
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