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Representatives Burke & Dilbert
House Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 124
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Reappointment of Aaron Bloomquist and Appointment of Keegan McCarthy to the Big Game Commercial Services Board

Dear Chairmans Burke & Dilbert and House Resources Committee Members,

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) strongly recommends that Aaron Bloomquist and Keegan McCarthy be confirmed to the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB).

Mr. Bloomquist has served one term on the BGCSB, and he is the current Chairman of the Board. Mr. Bloomquist brings extensive knowledge of the guiding industry to the BGCSB. He has widespread experience with different landowners, having conducted his guide business on State, Private, National Park Service, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service lands. He is willing to think “outside the box” when looking for solutions to existing problems. Mr. Bloomquist is respected within the guide and conservation community.

Mr. McCarthy is from Southeast Alaska and is a new appointee to the BGCSB. Alaska guide businesses are different depending what area of the state they operate in, because of this, it is good to have guides on the board from different areas of the state. It has been a number of years since we have had a hunting guide from Southeast Alaska in the guide seat on the Board, so Mr. McCarthy’s appointment is timely. Further, Mr. McCarthy is held in high regard by many in the industry.

As you know, serving in a volunteer position on a state board takes a substantial time commitment from individuals. The APHA appreciates both Mr. Bloomquist and Mr. McCarthy’s willingness to serve. They are both good representatives of the guiding industry, and we ask that they be confirmed to the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sam Rohrer

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President, APHA

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