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To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
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Dear Representative Josephson,

As you may know, the State of Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) held a teleconference board meeting on Thursday, February 1st, 2018 to discuss many of the proposed legislative bills that have been introduced this session and the potential impacts they may have on the Big Game Guiding and Transporter industries the board is tasked in regulating.

With regards to HB 267, after robust discussion and deliberation, the board unanimously voted to oppose HB 267. The consensus was that the original intent and understanding was that these forms were to be held in strict confidence and that over time this has been slowly eroded. The board did not wish to continue, or support, this erosion. This would also add additional costs to the Division and the BGCSB, neither of which seems prudent at this time, when there are many other ways that municipalities can gather this same information. As such, we were opposed to HB 267.

With that said, I do believe the BGCSB would reconsider its position on HB 267 if the privacy issue were met, a limitation on the number of years a borough or municipality can “look back” regarding what they perceive to possibly be missing fees was met and if statutory fee authority for the licensing division were granted as there is likely to be a cost to compiling or pulling this requested information.

If those concerns can be adequately met and resolved I do believe the BGCSB would reconsider its position on HB 267 and could vote to support it but not unless those concerns were addressed.

In advance, I thank you for your time and consideration and should you have any questions or if I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. While I am currently away from home I can be available to testify telephonically if you would like, or are inviting, testimony.

Respectfully,

Henry D. Tiffany IV

Chairman, Big Game Commercial Services Board