From: Evelyn Agnus

To: <u>Senate Finance Committee</u>

Subject: SB61

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Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing as a concerned Alaskan and private citizen to express my strong support for SB61, the Product Stewardship bill. This legislation is essential for addressing waste management challenges in our state, particularly in rural communities where proper disposal options are limited.

Alaska faces unique waste management struggles, with many areas relying on open dumps or costly backhaul programs to remove hazardous and bulky waste. SB61 would help shift the responsibility for waste disposal to manufacturers, ensuring that products are managed properly throughout their entire life cycle. This approach has been successful in other states, reducing landfill waste, increasing recycling, and saving local governments money.

By passing SB61, we can reduce environmental harm, improve public health, and create a more sustainable waste system for all Alaskans. I urge you to support this important bill for the benefit of our communities and future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Evelyn, Private Citizen