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I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 396, titled “DNR Big Game Guide Permit Program.” While I recognize the importance of wildlife management and conservation, I believe this bill has significant implications that warrant reconsideration.

Reasons for Opposition:

Potential Impact on Local Guides: HB 396 may disproportionately affect local guides and small businesses that rely on big game guiding services. Restricting access to concession areas could hinder their livelihoods and economic contributions.

Complexity of Implementation: The establishment of a big game guide concession area permit program introduces administrative complexities. Ensuring fair allocation of permits and managing competing interests will be challenging.

Balancing Conservation and Access: While wildlife conservation is crucial, we must strike a balance between protecting natural resources and allowing responsible access for hunters and guides.

Appeal:

I urge you to engage with stakeholders, including local guides, conservationists, and outdoor enthusiasts, to refine HB 396. Let us create legislation that preserves Alaska’s wilderness while supporting sustainable outdoor recreation and economic opportunities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will consider the diverse perspectives on wildlife management as we move forward.

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