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To Whom it May Concern,

As superintendent of Sitka School District, I would like to express my gratitude for the work you do for our state. I would also like to express our deep need for Secure Rural Schools funding. I have been in several communities (Southeast Island School District, serving many communities, Wrangell, and now Sitka) in Southeast Alaska that the communities rely on this funding to balance their budgets. Since the early 90s, restrictions on the logging industry have led to declining enrollment (due to job losses for families) and reduced tax revenue for school districts. Secure Rural Schools helps with the lack of ability to generate that revenue. Please support HJR5 and help our local school districts all across Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa, Thank you,

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