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Representative Geran Tarr
State Capitol
Room 409
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Tarr:

The Alaska Salmon Alliance urges the Alaska State Legislature to pass House Joint Resolution 28, opposing the recent approval by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of genetically engineered salmon (GE). It is a timely resolution that supports the sustainable fishing industry in Alaska and Senator Murkowski's work at the federal level to ensure genetically engineered salmon are properly labeled.

The State of Alaska prides itself in producing the highest quality wild seafood. The commercial fishing industry is the largest private sector employer and annual seafood exports are worth over \$3.25 billion. Residents also depend heavily on healthy wild Alaskan seafood as a staple in their diet.

In the State of Alaska, where sustainable wild caught seafood is such an important part of our lives, opposing the approval of genetically engineered salmon is the right thing to do.

The Alaska Salmon Alliance supports your efforts to ensure wild Alaskan salmon and the thriving fishing industry are protected from GE salmon.

Sincerely,

Arni Thomson
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