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The Honorable Lance Pruitt
Alaska State House
State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, AK 99801


Dear Representative Pruitt,

As one of the leading chapters in the world's foremost hunter-conservationist organization, we wish to express our appreciation for your willingness to introduce HB 356 "An Act relating to land management by the Board of Game and Department of Natural Resources for trapping and sport and subsistence hunting" better known as "No Net Loss" legislation. This legislation is part of a package of agreed upon actions at a gathering of sportsman's groups from around the nation. Sponsored by the NRA and the National Shooting Sports Foundation, this legislation will hopefully stem the loss of public lands available for hunting.

SCI Alaska Chapter has been the leader in preserving the freedom to hunt here in Alaska with effective leadership on issues of wildlife management, preservation of legitimate methods and means of harvesting wildlife and a leading role in important education efforts to preserve important outdoor traditions here in Alaska. We preserved effective predator/prey management at the ballot box in 2008 so our ungulate herds could become more abundant; we engineered the win in 2004 to preserve bear baiting as a legitimate hunting method; and we have been a leading supporter of the Outdoor Heritage Foundation which provides a multitude of education programs designed to get Alaskans, especially children, back outdoors and active in traditional pursuits such as hunting, fishing and trapping.

We look forward to working with you on this legislation and look forward to its passage by the Legislature. If you have need of our technical assistance or our professional help in moving this bill forward, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our lead on governmental affairs is Eddie Grasser who has many years experience as a hunting and fishing guide, as well as a long history of working within the legislative process.

Sincerely,


Terry Holliday
President

cc: House Resources Committee
Legislative Outdoor Heritage Caucus

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