



## Comments on SB1: Alaska Mining Day

### Council of Alaska Producers

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The Honorable Senator Cathy Giessel  
Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Giessel,

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) would like to thank you for introducing SB1, the act that would permanently establish Alaska Mining Day.

CAP is a non-profit trade association formed in 1992 and serves as a spokesperson for the large metal mines and major metal developmental projects in the state. The Council brings together mining companies with interest in Alaska to represent and inform members on legislative and regulatory issues, to support and advance the mining industry, to provide education to members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues, and to promote economic opportunity and environmentally sound mining practices.

The Council fully supports SB1 as we believe it will allow for annual formal recognition of the historical, present, and future benefits of this important industry to Alaska.

Mining has been a part of Alaska's economy and culture for over 125 years since the gold rushes brought thousands of prospectors to this great state. Today, mining directly and indirectly employs thousands of Alaskans in all corners of the State in an industry where they use the latest technologies to identify and develop remote deposits of silver, gold, copper, zinc, and other metals necessary in our everyday lives.

Establishment of Alaska Mining Day will enable us to shine a bright light on this industry which has not only provided us with significant economic benefits, but has also provided the individuals and infrastructure that have allowed Alaska to become the wonderful State it is today.

We thank you for longstanding support of the Alaska mining industry and we look forward to providing additional support to this bill as it moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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