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From: Kat Haber

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:59 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

Silencing Alaskans about best use of our land, water, and resources is a VERY BAD IDEA! Wednesday's hearing was another example of the fact that there has not been enough public discourse about House Bill 77. Hundreds of Alaskans were prevented from testifying and they deserve their time to testify in opposition of this bill. I hope that the Alaska Legislature will fully vet this bill in front of multiple committees.

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Sincerely,

Kat Haber, concerned and not willing to be silenced!

Kat Haber
300 Whispering Meadow
Homer, AK 99603

From: kathaber@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:02 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Re: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

I'm on the Great March for Climate Action!

<http://www.crowdrise.com/KatHaberLA-WW>

If urgent, text me @ 907-299-2363.

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For We Rotary: Lisak.social@gmail.com

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Cheerfully,

Kat

From: apetersousc@gmail.com

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:53 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Please include this in the public record and distribute to Natural Resource committee members.

Dear Senator Giessel, Please include this in the public record and distribute to Natural Resource committee members. HB 77 does a disservice to Alaskans:

- By NOT allowing them to question the actions of government
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- By giving too much power to the Commissioner of Natural Resources
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

Alex Peterson

Soldotna, AK 99669

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Sincerely, Jennifer McCard Soldotna, AK 99669

From: Arleen Smalley
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:07 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

It's nice that there were attempts to make this bill better but it seems to me that the fixes have missed the mark, ignoring comments from the vast majority of citizens.

Please do not pass this legislation. There has been way too little time and public input.

Sincerely,

Susan Smalley, Kenai, AK

Arleen Smalley
105 linwood Lane
Kenai, AK 99611

-----Original Message-----

From: Aimee Chartrand

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:26 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

Dear Senators, I am writing to ask you to vote against HB77. It is bad for Alaska and its' people.

As written, it will endanger many of our most valuable resources, place way too much power in the hands of ADNR and take away the rights of the people to enjoy and use the resource themselves.

You can't degrade one part of the environment without negatively impacting another. Permitting of large scale extraction projects would adversely affect salmon streams . Without dedicated water reservations, our precious salmon that the world so envies and that provide a living, food and enjoyment for so many would go the way of the other great fish runs that were irretrevably lost. No salmon stream that has been dewatered and disturbed has ever been viable again. Do you want to be responsible for allowing that to happen?

Under the current adminstration ADNR has already become too powerful, no longer having the checks and balances supplied by an independant Habitat Div. in ADF&G. The bill further removes Alaskans right to have a fair say in the use of our resources. The General Permits section disallows public notification , hearings and comment on specific projects None of the concerns already voiced by the people about this bill have been addressed by the SR committee.

The proposed rules governing the right to appeal DNR decisions are impossible and ridiculous. As a former ADF&G employee, I know that the resource managemnt agencies find dealing with the public a nuisance- but the public provide a critical check and balance system to keep things even. I know too well that the supposed "science" that agencies can cite as justification can often be politically directed from above.

This bill would be a move in the wrong direction, and is not in the best interests of the people of the state or the country. Sincerely, Aimee and Michael Chartrand

Aimee Chartrand

12500 e Norman Ave.

Palmer, AK 99645

-----Original Message-----

From: Wendy Anderson

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:24 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

I worked for the state of Alaska for nearly 15 years and the critical part of my job was to provide public notice and allow for public comment on issues affecting Alaskans. That ANY legislator would consider supporting HB 77 is totally incomprehensible to me. Read the Alaska constitution please- the state resources belong to the people and the people have a right to comment on all issues involving those resources. A governor that would propose such a bill has only the benefit of big business in mind- certainly he does not comprehend the meaning of public interest nor does he seem to understand it is his job to protect it. I hope you legislators have a better understanding of the constitution and will stop this bill from proceeding. It is issues like this one that make activists out of normally quiet people like me.

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Sincerely,

Wendy Anderson

PO box 1977

Homer, AK 99603

From: Jevon Chartier

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:27 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. The people of Alaska need the right to protect what is most important. We need our salmon streams and we need the right to appeal decisions that are not in our best interest.

Please vote no on HB77.

Sincerely

Jevon Chartier

Jevon Chartier

363 Young St

Seldovia, AK 99663

-----Original Message-----

From: art trenholme

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:34 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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Sincerely,

art trenholme

6875 Frostbite Ct.

Salcha, AK 99714

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From: Gary Dailey

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:48 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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Sincerely,

Gary Dailey

50306 Island Lake Road

Kenai, AK 99611

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Kaufman

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:37 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: I oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

This bill would have a lot of negative unintended consequences. While I appreciate what you are trying to accomplish, a bad bill is worse than no bill.

Thanks,

Bob Kaufman

Bob Kaufman

4600 Silver Spring Circle

Anchorage, AK 99507

From: Robin Beebee

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:52 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

Dear Senator Giessel,

I remain opposed to HB77 and am concerned that no real progress was made in revising it. Specifically, DNR should not be given any "general permitting" authority. Alaskans deserve to be given advance notice when projects are taking place on our land with potential to impact us. DNR is not an all-knowing entity and cannot in advance anticipate all possible impacts of all projects it may permit without local knowledge. The right to appeal DNR decisions should be retained. Again, this is our land and resources, and government agencies do not always make the right decisions. Finally, Alaskans have had the ability to request reservation of water rights for a variety of uses. If DNR does not need to ever consider water reservation applications by tribes, organizations, or individuals, as the revised version of HB77 proposes, this ability is effectively taken away from us. I do not see any benefit to Alaskans of HB77, as it appears to be designed entirely to take local voices out of land and water management decisions.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Robin Beebee

Robin Beebee
2055 Cliffside Dr
Anchorage, AK 99501

-----Original Message-----

From: Ruth Glenn

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:39 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

Why are you afraid of hearing from your constituents? Everyone has a right to be heard if they take the time to sign up or appear at a public hearing. Wednesday's hearing was another example of the fact that you do not want to hear any comments about House Bill 77. The Alaska Legislature needs to fully vet this bill in front of multiple committees.

HB 77 even as modified will provide for new expanded DNR powers, erode Alaskans rights to appeal DNR decisions, and damage the existing process for water reservations. Additionally HB 77 undermines tribes and individual Alaskans' ability to keep water in streams and seriously undermine their ability to participate in natural resource decisions on state land in other ways.

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Sincerely,

Ruth Glenn

5850 Romania dr

Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Richard Schmidt
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:49 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77 and will not be cut out of the process! Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

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HB77 is yet another thinly veiled attempt by the Republican party to sell off our natural resources to the lowest bidder with no regard to the environmental or cultural consequences. The resources belong to the residents of the state and I would urge you to vote no on HB77.

Sincerely,
Richard M. Schmidt

Richard Schmidt
11839 Old Exit glacier Rd.
Seward, AK 99664

-----Original Message-----

From: Ellen VandeVisse

Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 2:37 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: HB77

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday.

This is a truly a war on democracy.

It was conceived in secret, gives TOO MUCH unbalanced power to DNR, takes away normal easy access to our citizen input and review of decisions and policies, and ignores the protection of our economic base, namely the renewable, edible, sellable SALMON

Please drop all versions of HB 77 immediately. It is not in our collective interests.

Thank you

Ellen Vande Visse

Ellen VandeVisse

PO Box 2905

Palmer, AK 99645

From: Gina Soltis

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:44 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

Why are you unwilling/afraid to hear Alaskan's input on HB 77?

I guess that is consistent with a bill that would greatly restrict Alaskans' voice on issues that are extremely important to all Alaskans.

This whole attempt seems very un-Alaskan to me.

Sincerely,

Gina Soltis

PO Box 255

Healy, AK 99743

From: Jeton Stevens

Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:16 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Stand for Alaskans, not industry.

Dear Senator Giessel,

It should be little surprise that this email is in regards to HB-77. I am disturbed by the open restriction of the Democratic process by making Alaskan land decisions exclusive to the Department of Natural Resources and private businesses, whose interest is not conducive to the health and happiness of Alaskan's and the uniquely pristine region we live in. This bill is inherently undemocratic and revising the bill is a monstrous notion. If you make the decision to stand behind this bill then you will blatantly expose yourself as a agent against democracy. You will lose mine, and every other anti-HB77 Alaskans' support now and in the future.

This bill will strengthen the voice of those who support blind industry while muting those of us who speak for the environment and rural Alaskans.

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Sincerely,

Jeton "Tony" Stevens

From: Lance Powell

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:23 AM

To: Sen. Kevin Meyer

Cc: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: HB 77

Kevin,

I am definitely against the present SOA legislature Senate's rework of this bill....the inability of tribes or the general public to hold water permits....the reduction in informing people of projects in the area where they work or live....what is your view of HB 77?....are we so intent on developing Alaska that we are willing to deny citizens the ability to have meaningful input?

Thanks for your time,

Lance Powell

From: George Decker
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:32 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. The process to create and amend the bill was done in secret, closed-door meetings

The revised bill unveiled on Monday does not address the concerns voiced by hundreds of Alaskans. It leaves the most controversial sections largely unchanged - expanded DNR power, eroding Alaskans rights to appeal DNR decisions, and gutting the public's right to reserve water in streams for fish and other public uses.

Rather than working with Alaskans and Tribes who had concerns about the bill, the Parnell Administration crafted the changes in secret, closed-door meetings.

General Permits Section concentrates power in DNR

The General Permits section allows DNR to issue general permits which pre-approve activities over broad geographic regions before specific projects are approved. Once the general permit is in place, Alaskans will never know the specific project authorized because there will be no public notice for these projects after the general permit is issued.

The General Permits section still gives complete discretion to DNR staff to determine what activity is or is not likely to cause "significant and irreparable harm." DNR gets to decide the meaning of those words.

Right to Appeal Bad DNR Decisions is dramatically reduced

The right to appeal decisions made by DNR is dramatically reduced - even when they don't follow the rules. As written, an Alaskan must show that they are "significantly and adversely affected" in order to appeal a decision. This means that an Alaskan would have to demonstrate direct financial or physical harm from the government's decision, which is a very high bar.

The right to appeal a decision by DNR that affects subsistence use of Alaskans resources may be impossible under the current language in HB77.

The Water Reservations Sections effectively removes Alaskans ability to keep water in streams for fish

HB77 guts the existing laws that were designed to give Alaskans the ability to keep water in streams for fish, recreation or other uses.

The revised version of HB77 gives complete discretion to DNR to put water reservation applications by Alaskans on the shelf indefinitely.

The process outlined by DNR and described in HB77 will change the rules for current water rights applications that have been pending for years. This is not fair and it is wrong.

Tribes can no longer hold their own certificate for a reservation, only ADF&G or DNR can hold the reservation.

George Decker
6381 Norm Dr
Anchorage, AK 99507

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronnie Burnett

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:35 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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Sincerely,

Ronnie Burnett

13400 lamb dr.

Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Kalyn Simon
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 1:51 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
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Kalyn Simon
PO Box 90743
Anchorage, AK 99509

From: Penelope Wells
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:57 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

I am not able to testify tomorrow, March 14th at 3:30 PM. I am therefore, submitting my testimony via email expressing my opposition to House Bill 77. This bill is too complex and expansive and therefore deserves multiple public hearings to allow Alaskans to submit input, and review by all necessary legislative committees.

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Again, this proposed bill is too complex and expansive and deserves multiple public hearings to allow Alaskans to provide input, and review by several legislative committees.

Sincerely,

Penelope Wells

Penelope Wells
P.O. Box 240454
Anchorage, AK 99524

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From: Kristopher Richter

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:54 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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Sincerely,

Kristopher Richter

2451 Bentzen Circle

APT F-20

Anchorage, AK 99517

From: Ruth Ann Jennings
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:01 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
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Ruth Ann Jennings
1519 H Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

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From: Toby Anungazuk Jr

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:59 PM

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Sincerely,

Toby Anungazuk Jr

PO Box 62001

Golovin, AK 99762

From: Stephen A. Schell
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:38 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: House Bill 77

Senator Giessel,

I understand the need for resource development in Alaska and around the world. However, it needs to be responsibly. I believe that the current review framework that is in place works well and should not be tampered with. I fear that the proposed bill, nicknamed the "silencing Alaskan's" bill, removes the public concerns from the process. When we cannot participate in the public process, we lose faith in it and in our elected officials. Please consider the concerns of the Alaskans who love and depend on our natural resources before those of outside corporations.

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Stephen Schell

From: Nancy Waterman
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:47 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
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Sincerely,

Nancy Waterman
PO Box 20993
Juneau, AK 99802

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Niver

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:00 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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Sincerely,

Mark Niver

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Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:04 PM

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From: Kaydee Scarola

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:25 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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I came into Anchorage in December with my 3 young children and testified against HB 77. With the massive public outcry, I am shocked that this bill was not immediately dropped in the trash in its entirety!

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Some of the changes make the bill even worse, and I am in no way for ANY part of this bill or its "revisions". I am disgusted that you guys cannot take a "hint" at how un-American this bill is.

Sincerely,

Kaydee Scarola

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From: Patricia Eckhoff
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:21 PM
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From: Richard Schmidt

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HB77 is yet another thinly veiled attempt by the Republican party to sell off our natural resources to the lowest bidder with no regard to the environmental or cultural consequences. The resources belong to the residents of the state and I would urge you to vote no on HB77.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Schmidt

Richard Schmidt
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Seward, AK 99664

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From: Michael Boyce

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:50 PM

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Michael Boyce

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From: akgeowiz@alaska.net

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:05 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: HB77 Support

Dear Honorable Senator Giessel and Fellow Senate Resource Committee Members,

I support HB77 as written and strongly advise passage as written. This is a valiant attempt to address and efficiently streamline the current cumbersome, time consuming, and unpredictable permitting process without compromising environmental management goals. HB77 allows adequate notification processes and opportunity for those directly impacted by an activity to have a voice so as to pointedly address valid concerns for timely resolution. The general permit proposal is a practical solution to streamline activities with minor potential impacts. The State should rightfully retain water resource management as is reaffirmed by this bill. It is past time to resolve identified inefficiencies to state agency management practices. HB77 will set the wheels in motion for a more efficient permitting process.

Thank you for your prompt and courteous consideration.

Kerry Adler

7060 Cheryl Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99518

From: Vivian Finlay

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:24 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Please include in public records and distribute to committee members

I am unable to attend the LIO additional hearing tomorrow, 3/14/14, but want to be sure you and other committee members are aware that I am opposed to HB 77. The public needs input in important decisions including those that affect our environment, and our salmon streams.

Thank you,

Vivian Finlay

From: Clyde Boyer Jr

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:20 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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Clyde Boyer Jr

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From: Anne Wieland

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:15 PM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Cc: Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Anna Fairclough;
Sen. Hollis French

Subject: HB77 a very bad bill

Dear Senator Giessel and Members of the Senate Resources Committee,

It was discouraging to hear that only 50 people of the approximately 150 present testified at the HB 77 hearings last evening, especially when some people had come a long way to testify. I hope it is true that they will be given another opportunity soon.

The amended version of HB77 does not seem to be any better than the original. To my mind Former Senate President Rick Halford hit the various nails on their heads with his very credible commentary in the March 12 Anchorage Daily News, given all the years he spent in the Alaska Senate. As he points out, "The process of listening to the public, even allowing Alaskans to disagree with decisions, is a time-consuming but necessary principal of democracy". Unfortunately many of my family in Germany and Hungary did not have those rights during the many years of the Communist Occupation. HB77 seems to be moving us toward that same restrictions on the public here in 2014 in Alaska! Thus I think this bill is clearly UnAmerican and must be killed. I urge you to eliminate HB77 completely.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Wieland

Fritz Creek, AK 99603

From: Lisa Alexia

Date: March 13, 2014 at 7:03:28 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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Sincerely,
Lisa Alexia

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From: Carol Kasza

Date: March 13, 2014 at 8:49:40 PM AKDT

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Carol Kasza
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From: Rick Volk

Date: March 13, 2014 at 6:15:15 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. Too many decisions are being made to benefit oil and mining company's at the expense of the people of Alaska. You are elected to represent us, not support company's that just want to rape our lands and then leave.

Rick Volk

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From: Donna Braendel

Date: March 13, 2014 at 6:57:10 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. As far as I can determine, the right of the public, Alaskans, who actually own this state, to protect their own interests through public process, is still being severely limited in favor of a bureaucracy appointed by politicians. This is OUR state, and we should never have limits on our right to comment, appeal or question policies bad for our selves and the wildlife and fish on which many of us depend. You are, by this bill, placing all power for these decisions in the hands of Government bureaucracies, at the expense of Alaskans, and this is not what I perceive "making Government smaller" to mean.

Donna Braendel

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Chickaloon, AK 99674

From: Young Ha

Date: March 13, 2014 at 7:24:19 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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