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From: Scott Stewart
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:21 AM
To: Scott Stewart
Subject: HB 77 - The Land Use/Water Rights Bill

I support HB77 and ask that you move the bill out of committee.

Best Regards,

Scott A. Stewart
Scott A. Stewart
President

From: Brandon Niles

Date: March 13, 2014 at 8:59:46 PM AKDT

To: "Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov" <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: **Vote yes on HB77**

Environmental interest groups do not put food on my families table. Please support small scale alaska miners like me by voting yes on HB 77.

Brandon Niles

Sent from my iPad

From: "Richard R. Lessard"

Date: March 14, 2014 at 6:15:04 AM AKDT

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

Subject: HB 77

Senator Giessel;

HB77 is a bill that is much needed for Alaska. At a time when the federal government is overreaching and overbearing on all aspects of development, a bill that reduces the state's administrative burden is needed and that is what HB77 does. By reducing the administrative requirements developments in Alaska will increase which means more money and jobs for Alaskan, and more revenue for the State, in a time when we are reaching a budget crisis and attempting to reduce government spending. Please vote yes on HB-77.

I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication to making Alaska a great place to live and work.

Thank you

Richard R. Lessard

From: Brenda Jones

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:25 AM

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

Subject: Please Support HB77

March 14, 2014

Dear Alaska Senate Resources Committee,

I am a full-time, year round resident of Southeast Alaska.

I am supportive of HB77, which provides statutory changes that will improve many of the State's permitting processes. Greater use of general permits and less onerous land sales, leasing and exchange procedures will help establish a more business friendly environment. Similarly, the proposed changes to the Water Use Act will give the State more flexibility to issue temporary water use permits, will remove a nuisance provision that currently prohibits people from carrying minor quantities of water from one hydrologic unit to another and will prevent the abuse of water reservations by limiting those reservations to federal or state agencies or political subdivisions of the state.

I believe that common sense legislation like HB 77 with bring regulatory improvements will help to reduce the State's cost of managing our resources and will reduce the cost, time and uncertainty associated with businesses use of those resources.

I ask for your support in this legislation.

Sincerely,

Brenda Josephson

P.O. Box 51

Haines, AK 99827

From: Dickson, Robert J.
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:22 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB-77

Senator Giessel,

I am one of your constituents and live at 18742 Guillemot Circle, 99516.

Please consider this e-mail as a strong urging to pass HB-77 out of committee. It is so important to so many small businesses in Alaska and Anchorage. While it is the larger companies that undertake the work that this bill will facilitate, it is the many, many small businesses that actually perform the work and support for the larger companies.

Please count this as a strong request to pass the bill.

Robert J. Dickson
Attorney
Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon
420 L Street, Suite 500
Anchorage AK 99501-1989

From: sheldon maier

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:23 AM

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

Subject: HB-77

Hi Everyone,

I was not able to attend to testify. But I and the Fortymile mining association support the bill. It needs to go through. this would go along way to giving our industry a little fiscal certainty. Our industry needs this. If we don't get some relief from all this permitting and regulatory night mare, our industry will die. Our states economy should not continue to depend on only oil and gas, tourism and a dying fishing industry. And most of the fishing jobs are based outside the state anyway. A fact that goes largely ignored.

We hope you vote to pass this bill.

Thank you.

Sheldon Maier

President

Fortymile Mining Association.

From: Ken Weiss

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:23 AM

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

Subject: Support for HB77

Good Morning Senator French<?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

I am in your district, yet have included other Senators since I believe HB77 is an important bill; I have read it and I SUPPORT HB77.

HB77 empowers the state offices (and makes them more accountable) to be timely and responsive to applicants and does not stop public comment or disenfranchise people groups of Alaska.

Further, it brings accountability to those who would stop development within the state. Appeals are still possible, but must demonstrate who and how the permits create an adverse action.

This bill will effect every aspect of development throughout the state; roads, villages, private land development.

Please support HB77.

Respectfully, Ken Weiss

From: Dennis Wilfer
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:20 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Pls support HB 77

I am in favor of HB 77 and ask you to support it please. Without being too long winded I believe we are way overdue for an overhaul and I think this is a well written bill. Some of the scare mongering about ruining lifestyles and harming wildlife is just that scare mongering and hype. Please move the bill forward out of committee. I am sorry I cannot get to the Legislative office and attend the public testimony session.

Regards,

Dennis Wilfer

President

C & R Pipe

From: Shane Durand

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:19 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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

Subject: Please support CSHB77

Senators,

I respectfully request you support CSHB77.

Alaska is under siege by special interest groups and environmental concerns that are working to stop the governmental process before it can start.

The current state permitting process is not friendly to any kind of development and federal interference as seen with the recent use of 404C by the EPA, prior to an actual permit submission, only further hinders any kind of development in Alaska. Why would a company even suggest projects in Alaska when they are judged before plans even reach paper.

CSHB77 is not just for large scale development but will even help the small businesses and entities that need to move permits through DNR.

Any steps our elected officials can take to make the state process more reasonable are appreciated and needed. Without this type of action the State will become one giant park for the lower 48.

Please support CSHB77

Sincerely,

Shane Durand
Central Environmental Inc.
311 N. Sitka St.
Anchorage, AK
99501

From: Curt Freeman

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:09 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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

Subject: I support passage of HB77

Senator Giessel - please note my support for passage of HB77. I was not able to leave my job in the middle of the day to testify so I am sending this email instead. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Curt Freeman

From: Hal Ingalls

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:08 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Anna Fairclough; Sen. Hollis French

Subject: HB 77

Please vote yes on HB 77. I am a member the Mining Asso. RDC and Alaska Water Well Asso. and serve on the boards of the AGC and ASCC.

Hal Ingalls

From: Phil St. George

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:04 AM

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

Subject: RE: VOTE YES on HB77

Please support and vote yes on HB77. This is a good bill that does not exclude any public opinion and will help speed development. Alaska is losing investment dollars due to EPA's rhetoric on Pebble and Bristol Bay. Exploration dollars are already drying up and some good news that would make the permitting process speedier would be some good news for companies considering investing in Alaska.

HB77 does NOT cut Alaskans out of public process. In fact, it strengthens the ability for the public to participate

HB77 does not give the DNR Commissioner excessive authority.

HB77 does NOT put salmon or the environment in jeopardy.

HB77 does NOT harm the traditional way of life.

HB77 is simply a permitting efficiency measure. The State of Alaska and its permitting agencies have undergone review since 2011 to examine their regulatory processes and determine ways to make them more efficient. These efforts included outreach to stakeholders across Alaska, and ultimately resulted in Legislation that allowed the agencies to implement changes to make permitting in Alaska more efficient, predictable, and timely while maintaining their mission of protecting the environment.

HB77 implements changes that will provide certainty and timely response to Alaskans that obtain permits, while maintaining efficiently run state agencies. In these times of trimming the state budget, ensuring that state agencies are able to efficiently issue and manage permits, thus keeping down the cost and time expended, is crucial.

Thanks to special appropriations by the Legislature, DNR is making positive progress on a substantial permit application backlog. The funding has helped reduce the extent of the backlog, but efficiency measures in HB77 help address the cause of the backlogs moving forward.

HB77 provides for the issuance of general permits, so that minor projects can be permitted practically. Section 1 of HB77 makes it clear there is a requirement for public notice and provides opportunity for public input on any general permit. General permits would cover activities that are already authorized for permit under existing statute. General permits are not unprecedented; in fact, they are used by Federal agencies currently. HB77 requires that appeals to sales, leases, and land disposals can be done only by those who are directly and negatively impacted by the decision. This brings accountability to the appeals process, ensuring that appeals must be brought only when a directly involved stakeholder is adversely affected by a decision, rather than a special interest attempting to block permits.

HB77 ensures that Alaska's water resources are managed by those who are best equipped to do so: the science-based expertise of our state resource agencies.

Phil St. George

Eagle River

From: Donald Stevens

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:47 AM

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

Subject: Please vote for HB77

Senator: I am a working consulting economic geologist and if this bill does not pass, it will be very difficult for me to keep my business open. The EPA's stand on the Pebble deposit was very destructive for the future of the mining business, and a failure to pass HB77 will be the final blow.

HB77 opponents are full of misinformation about the bill. The people of Alaska are dependent upon knowledgeable legislators who have actually read the bill to make decisions which are in the best interests of the economic future of Alaska. Do not succumb to mob rule by the misguided.

Please vote for HB77.

Don

Donald L. Stevens Ph. D., CPG

Stevens Exploration Management Corp.

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Anchorage, AK 99518

From: Tyson Marino

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:46 AM

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

Subject: HB77

Please vote yes for HB77, this is the smart and responsible way for Permits to be managed in Alaska.

Thank you,

Tyson Marino

M-I SWACO|A Schlumberger Company

Project Manager

From: John Barry
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:37 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB77, the Permitting Reform Bill

Dear Sen. Giessel,

The State of Alaska and its permitting agencies have undergone review since 2011 to examine their regulatory processes and determine ways to make them more efficient. These efforts included outreach to stakeholders across Alaska, and ultimately resulted in Legislation that allowed the agencies to implement changes to make permitting in Alaska more efficient, predictable, and timely while maintaining their mission of protecting the environment.

Claims that this bill eliminates public input, silences Alaskans, and more are nonsense as nothing in this bill changes the laws and regulations in place to protect the environment. The current permitting process for large mines is mired in bureaucracy and is sabotaged by environmentalists. It's time Alaska changes this anti-development process and has a realistic permitting process like that in the Yukon.

Sincerely,

John F. Barry
PO Box 25
Gustavus, AK 99826

From: Donna Brady Robertson
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:16 AM
To: 'mailto:Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov'
Subject: HB77 Permitting

I am an Alaskan that has been in several different business enterprises in Alaska, for more than 45 years. I know that I rarely can attend LIO sessions, although I have made it to a few, because I spend long hours-usually more than 12 per day-attempting to secure work for my employees to support their families. I have the grandchildren of some of my original employees who are working (or trying to obtain work). We need a reasonable permitting bill and it looks like HB77 is such a bill. We really can't afford to have "squeaky wheels" who want attention and who really don't want any kind of development or job creation potential to occur in our state. Then can sit and play with their iPhones while they show up early and in force to sign up on the testify list. Most of us don't have that kind of leisure time. We are working -or in many cases many of us find it much more difficult to get around now that we are older.

We need a more efficient permitting system.

There is a silent majority in Alaska who are reasonable, and they vote. We expect you to do the right thing I Juneau. Passing HB 77 is the right thing.

Thank You, Donna Brady-Robertson

Sun-Air Sheet Metal, Inc., President

From: Bill Stevens

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:38 AM

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

Subject: VOTE YES ON 77

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Honorable Senators,

I was unable to offer testimony at the Wednesday hearing. I support HB 77 and ask for a YES vote to pass it. It is essential to lessen the layers of regulatory demands that prohibit development.

Bill Stevens

P. O. Box 8596

Nikiski, Alaska 99635

From: Caroline Higgins
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:02 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Please support HB77

I am writing you today to express my support for HB77.

HB 77 implements changes that will provide certainty and timely response to Alaskans that obtain permits, while maintaining efficiently run state agencies. In these times of trimming the state budget, ensuring that state agencies are able to efficiently issue and manage permits, thus keeping down the cost and time expended, is crucial.

Decisions about these projects should be made by Alaskans through their government – not by environmental groups, nor even by individual Alaskans. *The public holds the rights to public resources.*

Alaska government agencies represent all the people, not just one sector. They should hold private rights used by all of us (i.e., rights to fish habitat).

The amended HB 77 allows members of the public to apply for in stream flow reservations, but if granted the reservation is held publicly. This eliminates the problem of having to ask a well- funded anti-development group whether Alaska can develop our resources, or whether Alaska can change the methods to protect fish we all value.

Caroline Higgins

Friday, March 14, 2014

Governor Sean R. Parnell
Office of the Governor
PO Box 110001
Juneau AK 998110001
Fax: (907) 465-3532

RE: I Support HB77

Dear Governor Parnell:

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Importantly, HB77 provides for the issuance of general permits, so that smaller projects can be permitted in a practical way. General permits would cover activities that are already authorized for permit under existing statute. There is ample precedent for the use general permits; in fact, they are widely used by federal agencies.

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The current version of CSHB77 ensures that Alaska's water resources are managed by those who are best equipped to do so - agency staff with science-based expertise. Further, important changes have been made to the bill to address concerns raised over the interim.

Finally, a very important feature of HB77 is that it diminishes the ability of so-called environmental advocacy organizations to abuse the system and stop projects. This is extremely important to Alaska's economic future.

Bottom line: This bill will cut the red tape and put Alaskans to work.

I urge you to support the bill!

Thank you,

Michael Miller
9411 Kylie Circle
Anchorage AK 99502

From: Ed Kornack

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:21 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel; ["mailto:Sen.Fred.Dyson@akleg.gov"](mailto:Sen.Fred.Dyson@akleg.gov)[@atl4mhob01.myregisteredsite.com](mailto:atl4mhob01.myregisteredsite.com);
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["mailto:Sen.Hollis.French@akleg.gov"](mailto:Sen.Hollis.French@akleg.gov)[@atl4mhob01.myregisteredsite.com](mailto:atl4mhob01.myregisteredsite.com)

Subject: CSHB77

Senators,

As a longtime resident and business person of the State of Alaska I urge you to vote “yes” on HB77 to put the issuance of the related permits back in the hands of the people who are directly affected by the basis of the permits.

Thank you for the consideration of this matter.

Ed Kornack

GBC,Inc Vice President

3133 Davis Road

Fairbanks, Ak. 99709

From:

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:19 AM

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

Subject: cc: I Support HB77

Sent via email to: Senator Dyson

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Thank you,

Greg McConnell
34683 Eklutna Lake Rd
Chugiak AK 99567

From:

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:07 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: voting

please vote for hb77

thanks

richard hamm

From: Joey Crum
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB77 Support

I am writing to express my support for HB 77. Unfortunately the majority of people that are gainfully employed find it difficult to leave their jobs in order to participate in public testimony, which is why I am writing you directly.

I believe that HB 77 is a good bill because it allows for a streamlined process for Alaskans to obtain or be denied their permits. It preserves Alaskans rights for public comment, and enhances the voices of those actually affected by operations under a specific permit. Too many times in our state history, decisions on permits have been delayed because of process alone and we need to fix this. This bill does not remove other agencies such as the ADF&G so our fish and wildlife will still be protected and have a voice. The portion that encourages me the most is the fact that to appeal a decision you have to have standing as a party directly affected. This enhances the voice of the local Alaskans and ensures that their voice is heard over special interests groups who may not even be located in Alaska.

I hope you vote in favor of HB77.

Thank you for your time.

Joey Crum JD, ASP

President/CEO

Northern Industrial Training, LLC

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Thank you,

Mr William Potter
Inside Sales Mngr.
Inlet Petroleum Company
2111 W 47th Ave
Anchorage AK 99517

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Office of the Governor
PO Box 110001
Juneau AK 998110001

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Thank you,

Mr Kevin Mesceda
Business Development Manager
STEELFAB
4707 Kent Street
Anchorage Ak 99503

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Juneau AK 998110001

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Thank you,

Mr. Scott Stewart
President
Arctic Controls, Inc.
3601 Burl Court
Anchorage AK 99504-390

From: Kyle Brown
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:31 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB77

Dear Senator Giessel,

I am writing to encourage you to vote in favor of HB77. This state (and country) has been increasingly hogtied by slow and onerous permitting by multiple agencies. The country is now crawling with people that want and use their own homes, vehicles and modern conveniences, all the result of progress, but cry if anything new is proposed. Everything ever proposed is going to have opponents.

No-one wants to destroy our environment or the planet and HB77 will not eliminate responsible scrutiny of projects. We need to be able to identify harmless progress and allow it to pass through the system in a timely manner. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kyle Brown

Anchorage, Ak

From: Jan Plaquet
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:30 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: CSHHB77

Senator Giessel,

I support HB 77 that will help cut the red tape and put Alaskans back to work. The bill improves efficiencies in the issuance of General Permits, diminishes the chronic backlog in permitting, results in cost savings to the state, while protecting the environment. CSHHB77 implements changes that will provide certainty and timely response to Alaskans that obtain permits, while maintaining efficiently run state agencies. In these times of trimming state budget, ensuring that state agencies are able to efficiently issue and manage permits, thus keeping down the cost and time expended, is crucial.

Thank you for your support on this bill,

Jim Plaquet
1444 2nd Ave
Fairbanks, AK 99701

From:

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:53 AM

To: prosperity@prosperityalaska.org; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Anna Fairclough; Sen. Hollis French

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Mr. Rob Bussell
7604 Highlander Dr
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From: joe lucas

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:53 AM

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

Subject: Support for HB77, as amended

Senator Giessel (Chair), Senator Dyson, Senator Micciche, Senator Bishop, Senator McGuire, Senator Fairclough and Senator French:

As a resident of Anchorage, Alaska interested in responsible, accountable and efficient regulatory processes. I am writing in support of HB77 as amended. I urge you to pass the bill as amended.

HB 77 was introduced in the last legislative session as a measure to improve administrative efficiency in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulatory processes. HB77 has been the subject of significant comment and misinformation. To both understand and inform public comment, HB 77 has been the topic of separate public outreach efforts; one led by Ed Fogels from DNR, and the other led by Senator Micciche with the participation of various representatives of DNR and Alaska Department of Fish & Game. Both efforts are to be commended. Significant effort has been made by DNR and the Senate Resources Committee to develop amendments and revised language to address concerns raised over the language in the bill.

The bill, as amended, provides administrative efficiency sought by DNR to improve their ability to process permit applications while maintaining a responsible and accountable regulatory process.

Thank you for your continuing attention to this important legislation.

Joe Lucas

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President
RA Kreig & Associates
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scott hawkins
130 shelly marie cir
anchorage ak 99515

From:

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:48 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Vote yes on HB77

Vote yes on HB77. As a small

Placer Mining company in the Fairbanks region, we need your support for this legislation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brant Fryar, Member,

FGMGV LLC

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Mr. Karl Gohlke
Sales
Frontier Supply Company
PO Box 83129
Fairbanks AK 99708

From: Andrew Nevin
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 11:49 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: In favor of HB77

Dear Sen. Giessel,

I have been asked by Alaska Miners Association, on very short notice, to comment on HB77. As I understand it, the Bill is a housekeeping measure that will rationalize current procedures and cause no damage to the interests of fish, wildlife, habitat, environment, native peoples' or lay peoples' interests. I am in favor of HB77.

I am an exploration geologist and mine developer with 49 years' experience in many western states, British Columbia and the Canadian Territories and about 15 other countries. I have grown tired of third-world countries and a year ago I chose the stable and reasonably mining-friendly jurisdictions Alaska, BC and the Yukon for my future endeavors. I am a US citizen and I have been based in Vancouver, BC, since 1969, because it is the center of exploration and mine financing as you know.

I have initiated the formation of many exploration companies over the years. We generally engage exploration crews of 10 to 100 local people, including aircraft and drilling contractors' people, geologists, geophysicists, bookkeepers, caterers, cooks, students, etc. These are well-paying jobs in the bush – and that's just for exploration. Mine development and operations requires many more.

We are proud of our industry and its contributions to society's wellbeing. We are also proud of our environmental record and North America sets the standard for the entire world.

Please support HB77. Thank you,

Andy Nevin

From: Christensen, Reed [<mailto:reed@dowlandbach.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:49 AM

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

Subject: Stream Line the Process - Don't Cater to Obstructionists

Recent events surrounding the proposed Pebble mine have brought to light some flaws in our system, like how hard it is for companies to comply with the process and how easy it is for opponents to throw up road blocks at every turn.

Alaska has some of the most stringent environmental laws in the country. This is a good thing as we have some of the most beautiful lands in the country. The ability to comply with these laws via these permitting processes should be simple, transparent, and understandable. HB77 does not change these very high standards, it is meant to help streamline the process.

We need a voice in Juneau that is willing to stand up to the disingenuous, anti-development crowd that will use any means necessary to stop the legitimate legal process. Hence the need for these changes. Unwarranted delays in responsible resource development need to be reigned in. They are out of control and they end up costing our state and our citizens lost jobs, lost revenue, and lost opportunity for our economy and our children.

Please pass HB77 out of committee and continue to look at this important issue to put an end to illegitimate road blocks to responsible resource development while simultaneously maintaining our high environmental standards.

Reed Christensen

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From: Josie Hickel
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:50 AM
To: Josie Hickel
Subject: HB77
Importance: High

Dear Senator,

I am writing in support of HB77, a bill that reflects needed changes in the Alaska permitting process to make the process more efficient, timely and predictable while still maintaining the important mission of

Assuring adequate environmental protection. It is important for the economic stability and development of our state resources, to allow a process that provides stability in a timely manner with respect to permitting. Efficiency measures built into HB77 will help address backlogs in the process, and keep it moving in a more efficient manner in the future. We do need to assure that our resources are properly managed by those who are most knowledgeable and best equipped to do this – the science based expertise of our state resource agencies, and not by non-development groups with an agenda to stop any and all projects which will only lead to a loss of the economic drivers our state needs to function and prosper.

Sincerely,

Josie Hickel

VP HR & Administration

The Pebble Partnership



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From: Keith Granberry

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 11:00 AM

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

Subject: In support of HB 77

Dear Senators,

I grew up in Fairbanks and now reside and work in Anchorage. I am writing to encourage your support of HB77.

I believe streamlining the permitting process is a way to improve the efficiency without overriding the intention of safety and protection for which the permits are issued and it is certainly not going to lead to permits being issued that would not have passed previously

A lot of misinformed people jumped to conclusions that this is essentially a rubber stamp to granting permits that have no merit, but this is simply untrue.

Please help HB77 move forward.

Thank you,

Keith

Keith Granberry, CPA, CFE

Chief Financial Officer

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With best regards,

Bill

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301 Snowy Owl Lane
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