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From: Bob Claus [mailto:bobclaus@me.com] Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:37 AM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject: SB 99

Please include this in the public record and distribute to committee members.

I am opposed to the amended SB 99, particularly section 5, approving AIDEA bond authority for the Bokan-Dotson Ridge rare earth element project.

I live on Prince of Wales Island, and have followed the development of this project closely. The proponents of the project have not established that the potential mine is in any way a viable project, have not been able to attract private investment to their proposal, and have not demonstrated that the mine, if developed, would benefit the communities on Prince of Wales.

This bonding authority is a misuse of state funds to support a purely speculative and controversial project.

Thank you for you attention to my remarks.

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