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From: Cox, Bob  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 3:37 PM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Support HB 77

Senator Giessel,

I am writing today to commend you for supporting HB 77. Our permitting process is seriously flawed and it's time to cut the red tape and obstructionism that is holding up responsible development.

Bob

Robert E. Cox  
Vice President | Crowley

**PSPA**  
PACIFIC SEAFOOD PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION  
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13 March 2014

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Giessel and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to convey the Pacific Seafood Processors Association's support for CSHB 77. PSPA is a trade association of nine companies that own and operate 22 seafood processing plants in Alaska from Ketchikan to Unalaska to Bristol Bay. Our members collectively participate in nearly all of the fisheries in Alaska, providing markets for thousands of fishermen.

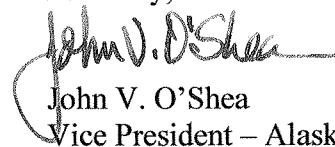
Our industry and the economic viability of the substantial investments our members have made in Alaska depend on healthy sustainable fish stocks and the protection of fish habitat. We believe CSHB 77 provides the tools to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to protect natural resources while allowing for an efficient regulatory process. It provides flexibility to the Commissioner to dispense with low impact activities, freeing up staff and other resources to thoroughly review those projects and activities having a greater potential to impact water use and fish habitat.

CSHB 77 does not diminish the authority or ability or voice of the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game to protect fish habitat. It provides reasonable and adequate opportunities for public comment. It also recognizes water as a public resource, and correctly places the custody of water reservations with public entities.

PSPA supports responsible resource development, both for the protection of natural resources and for the economic activity that comes from development. We recognize the value of a thorough and timely oversight process and acknowledge the reality of the existing budget climate, as well as the need to generate additional revenue within the state.

CSHB 77 strikes a reasonable balance of these concepts. It places confidence in the Governor's and the Commissioners' sworn commitment to protect and properly manage the natural resources of Alaska. For these reasons we recommend you and the Committee move CSHB 77 forward.

Sincerely,

  
John V. O'Shea  
Vice President – Alaska

From: Jespersen

Date: March 16, 2014 at 8:34:31 PM AKDT

Cc: <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Fred.Dyson@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Anna.Fairclough@ak.gov>, <Sen.Hollis.French@ak.gov>

Subject: HB77

Senate Resources Committee,

The Alaska State Constitution requires our state government to insure our natural resources are used to the maximum benefit of the people.

Water is the most basic of resources. Why then would you not want to improve the system by which water is protected?

HB77 insures that Water Reservations are held by the State of Alaska and not by any individual or group. HB77 does not restrict the right of Alaskan's to participate in the process. In fact HB 77 requires that public hearings be held and public comments taken prior to any water reservation being granted. Once a reservation or permit has been granted HB77 requires any person or entity challenging the decision to have legal standing to do so.

Passing HB77 will improve economic opportunities in Alaska. We need to improve our economy and encourage companies to do business here so that my children will be able to make a living in our state.

Sincerely,

Michelle V Jespersen

Anchorage, AK 99507

From: Daniel Jespersen

Date: March 16, 2014 at 8:30:52 PM AKDT

To: <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Fred.Dyson@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Anna.Fairclough@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Hollis.French@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB77

Senate Resources Committee

I am a High School Senior and recently registered to vote. HB77 is important to me, how you vote on this bill will determine if I can support you and or your party in November. The Alaska State Constitution requires our state government to insure our natural resources are used to the maximum benefit of the people.

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Respectfully,

Daniel Jespersen

Anchorage Alaska

From: Kati  
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 12:40 PM  
Subject: Support for HB 77

Dear Senator,

See my prepared written testimony I was hoping to have a chance to give yesterday during the public hearing. I plan to try again tomorrow.

I understand you're busy and may not have the time to read the testimony- the bottom line is that I am in support of HB 77.

Thank you,

Kati Capozzi  
Eagle River, Alaska

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Good afternoon Chairman Giessel, vice-chair Dyson, and members of the Senate Resources Committee, for the record my name is Kati Capozzi and I'm testifying today on behalf of myself.

I am in support of CS HB77. The well thought out changes introduced to HB77 earlier this week sufficiently address the concerns that have been voiced while still achieving the original intent of the bill- to implement a more efficient permitting process.

As an Alaskan who cares about protecting the environment that I call home, and also understanding that I would not live here without natural resource development, I am pleased that this bill has struck a balance that protects Alaskans interests and helps us get to work.

Thank you for your due diligence on this bill and for your service to the state.

From: Lorna Shaw  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 2:28 PM  
To: Sen. Fred Dyson  
Subject: Support for HB 77

Senator,

The mining industry has always maintained that permitting in Alaska must be rigorous, science based, transparent and predictable and HB77 fulfills that expectation. Thank you for hearing this bill and I urge you to pass it out of committee in its current form.

Lorna Shaw  
External Affairs Manager  
Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC

From: Alba Brice  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 1:10 PM  
To: Sen. Fred Dyson  
Subject: CSHB 77

Dear Senator Dyson,

My name is Alba Brice, I was born in Fairbanks and have lived in Alaska my entire life. I have been fortunate to be employed with Brice Companies, a 50 year old Alaska heavy construction, marine, and environmental group for my working career.

I am writing to urge you to consider a yes vote on CSHB 77.

Too often we see projects we feel are critical to Alaska's economy, jobs, and infrastructure negatively impacted, delayed, or even cancelled due to an inefficient and arduous permitting process. We see special interest environmental groups—many of whom are not even Alaska based —constantly putting forth significant resources to block responsible development in our state.

Currently, there is a large permit backlog. Fortunately, the current log jam that has been addressed by special appropriations by the legislature and some relief is occurring. That said, we are pleased to see CSHB 77 be brought for consideration. CSHB 77 is a permit reform bill that targets some of the inefficiencies that are often the cause of these permit backlogs.

The bill provides some certainty and timely response to Alaskans who seek permits, while allowing state agencies to become more efficient during the process. This keeps time expended and costs to a minimum at a time when state budgets are fiscally challenged. General permits would be utilized so that minor projects can be permitted practically and efficiently. General permits would cover those activities already authorized for permit by existing statute and thus have no need for additional expenditure of resources to assign a permit.

The bill brings accountability to those who appeal sales, leases, and land disposal by allowing only those directly and negatively impacted by those actions to appeal, rather than allow appeal by special interest groups who have an agenda to block all permits and development. Further, water resources would be managed by agency staff who have the proper expertise and scientific data to make those determinations.

In short, CSHB 77 provides a more practical and efficient permit process that protects the environment while lessening the ability to "block" by those who abuse the current system and have an agenda to simply deter responsible development of any kind. We believe it is the kind of reform that will help put more Alaskans to work. We feel that a "Yes" vote for CSHB 77 is the right thing for Alaska.

Sincerely,

Alba Brice  
V.P. Brice Companies  
Anchorage Office  
745 W. 4th Ave. Suite 306  
99501



From: Brad Angasan  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 12:16 PM  
To: Sen. Fred Dyson  
Subject: 3-14-14 Support HB77

Sen Dyson. My name is Brad Angasan. I reside in Anchorage. Please consider this message testimony of my support for HB77.

Brad T Angasan  
President  
Wetaviq LTD/ Wetaviq Universal Services LLC, 8a, ANC

From: Ella Ede  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:22 AM  
To: Sen. Fred Dyson  
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB 77

Dear Senator Dyson,

I am writing to you in support of HB 77. This bill will allow the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide certainty and timely response to Alaskans who 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 tremendous permit application backlog. Extra funding helps address the backlog symptom, but efficiency measures in HB 77 help address the cause of the backlogs.

This important bill provides for the issuance of general permits, so that minor projects can be permitted practically. The bill 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 widely used by federal agencies.

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.

Under the current system, individuals and anti-development groups have the ability of eNGOs to abuse the system and stop projects. HB 77 ensures that Alaska's water resources are managed by those who are best equipped to do so – agency staff with science-based expertise.

As you are preparing to vote on this bill, please consider the voices of individual life-long Alaskans like myself. It is critical for us to support resource development, which fuels our economy. It is imperative to provide clarity and consistency in the Alaska regulatory process in order for companies to continue to invest in Alaska.

As a life-long Alaskan and supporter of responsible resource development, I urge you to listen to Alaskans and support HB 77.

Thank you for your time and attention on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Ella L. Ede  
3060 Redwood Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

From: Russell Lowney  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:30 AM  
To: Sen. Fred Dyson  
Subject: HB-77

Fred,

I am a lifelong Alaskan. My grandmother, father, myself and my son were all born in this great state. I urge you to vote yes on HB-77. This bill is solely about the permitting processes and does not make any changes to environmental standards or the laws governing water rights. Since when is reducing "red tape" a bad thing? With respect to instream flow reservations, the current law rewards whoever can get their paperwork filed first. This is a flawed process. Decisions should be made by reviewing all of the facts and coming to a logical and reasonable decision. Decisions should not be based on who wins a paperwork race. For too long, I have seen outside special interest groups set Alaskan policy by using the appeals process to block permits. Many times these attempts are in direct conflict with the people and groups directly affected by the project or issue. We need an appeals process that serves stakeholders – not outside special interest groups.

Please vote Yes on HB-77.

Russell Lowney | Osborne Construction Company | Project Manager

**From:** Donna Brady Robertson

**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 9:39 AM

**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Lesil McGuire

**Cc:** Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Anna Fairclough; Sen. Hollis French

**Subject:** FW: HB77 Permitting

**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

# I SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 77

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Keri Church 3199 Wyatt Rd. NP 99705 Keri Church

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<del>Jeff Newman</del>	JEFF NEWMAN	3/14/14	FAIRBANKS, AK
<del>John Reed</del>	John Reed	3/14/14	Fairbanks, AK
<del>Levi Sumpter</del>	Levi Sumpter	3-14-14	Fairbanks, AK
<del>GARY SWOFFER</del>	GARY SWOFFER	3/14/14	FAIRBANKS, AK
<del>Katherine Daily</del>	Katherine Daily	3/14/14	FAIRBANKS, AK
<del>Mel Campbell</del>	Mel C	3/14/14	Fbks, AK
<del>Dylan Malsness</del>	Dylan Malsness	3/14/14	Fairbanks AK
<del>Ride Austin</del>	Ride Austin	3-14-14	Fox, AK

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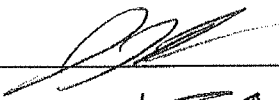
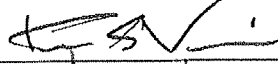
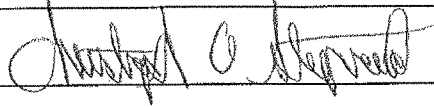
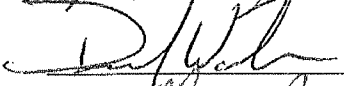
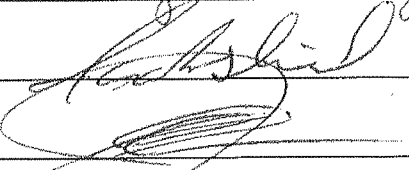

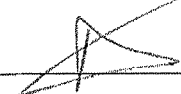
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907-388-7822

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Christopher A Stepovich		907-760-1711
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Seth Haines	Seth Haines	3/14/2014
Loni Connor	Loni Connor	3/14/2014
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Robert B. Cummings	Robert B. Cummings	3/14/14

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Kennon E. Heard	Kennon E. Heard	907-978-4679
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Evan Winter	Evan Winter	907-452-2419
Marko Stepovich	Marko Stepovich	907-687-0331
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Laurence Stepovich	Laurence Stepovich	907-378-5208
Michael Stepovich	Michael Stepovich	750-2345
Peter Stepovich	Pete Stepovich	
Charles A. Creamer	C.A. Creamer	907-388-2167

From: Pete Stokes  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 4:59 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: Please Pass the CS for HB77

Senator Giessel and Members of the Senate Resources Committee,

My name is Pete Stokes and I grew up on the Kenai and now live and work in Anchorage.

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family, including my two grandsons.

I urge you to pass the Committee Substitute for HB 77 to allow for the permitted development of resources on State lands.

The permitting process under this bill allows for the certainty and timely processing of permits to develop the State's resources, thus providing additional jobs for Alaskans.

This bill will ensure that Alaska's water resources are managed by those who are best equipped to do so – agency staff with science-based expertise - while reducing the likelihood that environmental NGO's can abuse our current permitting system stopping resource development projects.

Many of the areas that resources can be developed on state land are rural areas with few jobs. If projects are shown to be compatible with other land and water uses and permitted, this will improve job opportunities.

I would like to thank you for the efforts of this Committee to improve this bill, taking in public comment from multiply forums after the last session.

Please pass this bill to help cut the red tape for resource development projects and allow for increases in rural job opportunities.

Thank you,

Pete Stokes  
3521 Andree Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99517

From: Stacy Oliva

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 5:04 PM

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

Subject: HB77-Vote Yes!

I was unable to attend today's Public Meeting at the LIO due to work schedule. However, I encourage you to vote yes on the current proposed HB77. It is my observation that the majority of people in opposition to HB 77 have not read the bill and are acting as special interest groups or are associated with activist groups that are promoting emotional hype publicity to claims that the passage of this bill will cause harm to the environment, salmon, or traditional way of life. In reality, the passage of HB77 will allow the State of Alaska to follow a legal, proper process of law, while allowing the state water resources to be managed by the science based expertise of our state resource agencies who represent ALL Alaskans.

Please Vote Yes on HB 77!

Stacy A. Oliva

P.O. Box 8567

Nikiski, AK 99635

From: David Szumigala  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 5:45 PM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Support HB77

Dear Senator Giessel,  
I support the new version of HB77.  
I know that there has been significant anti-development rhetoric regarding this bill, but I believe that the rhetoric is off-base and misguided.

I ask for your support of HB77 and please vote YES.  
Thank you for thoughtfully considering a YES vote on HB77. I appreciate your service to our State and community.  
Sincerely,  
Dave Szumigala

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David (Zoom) Szumigala  
1045 Ellesmere Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5761

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 6:18 PM

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  
Subject: cc: I Support HB77

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:

HB77 is a rare opportunity to streamline the permitting of resource development projects, make the process more predictable and reduce the opportunity for third party lawsuits and other project-stopping mischief. In addition, it will help our state permitting agencies manage their permitting activities more efficiently and effectively.

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Thank you,

Tom Coursen  
38650 Robinson Lp Rd  
Sterling Ak 99672

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 6:28 PM

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Subject: cc: I Support HB77

Friday, March 14, 2014

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Jeremy Coke  
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4821 E Alder Dr  
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March 14, 2014

Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Juneau AK 99801

Dear Legislators,

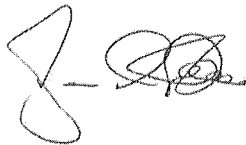
The Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) writes in support of House Bill 77 and to urge you to support it also.

Alaska, as you are aware, is a resource state. It was founded as a resource state and has ever existed as a sovereign State within the Union under the presumption and understanding that the key to its economic development would come through the timely, judicious and balanced development of its resources. Though prudence in Alaska development has generally been assured by application of its fair, open and rigorous regulatory regime, inefficiencies in its permitting system have, in the past, hampered or even stymied otherwise productive and beneficial projects – harming the Alaskan individuals and businesses who sought to access state land and resources, and slowing or even arresting Alaska's local, regional and statewide economic growth.

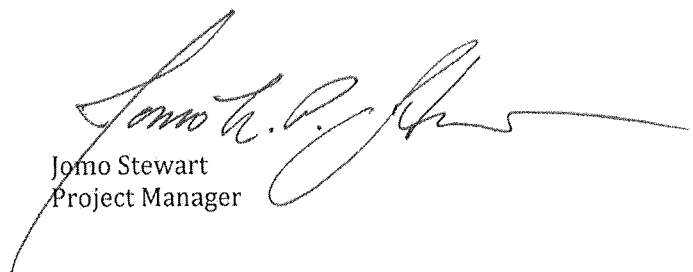
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As a resource state, Alaska must develop its resources – must responsibly and expeditiously move its physical resources into socially mindful, environmentally sound and financially beneficial development - if it is to prosper. HB 77 acknowledges this fundamental necessity and provides a sound, but more efficient, cost-effective and timely, framework to advance it. For these reasons, the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation supports HB 77 and encourages its passage into law.

Respectfully,



Jim Dodson  
President & CEO



Jomo Stewart  
Project Manager

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 2:48 PM

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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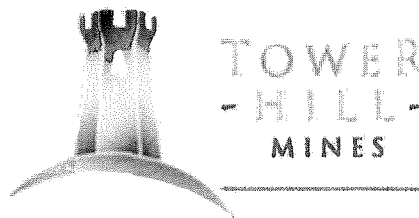
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Mr. Jim Plaquet  
1444 2nd Avenue  
Fairbanks AK 99701

**Support: 2d SCS CSHB 77(Res)**  
**Via Email**



## **LIVENGOOD GOLD PROJECT**

March 17, 2014

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee  
Sen Cathy Giessel <Senator\_Cathy\_Giessel@legis.state.ak.us>  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

Tower Hill Mines – Livengood Gold Project appreciates the opportunity to express our continued support for House Bill 77: Land Use; Disposal & Exchanges and Water Rights.

Tower Hill Mines (THM: NYSE MKT) is advancing a large gold project in Livengood, approximately 70 miles north of Fairbanks on the Elliot Highway. In September of 2013, we completed a Feasibility Study and are currently reviewing the opportunities to improve the economics of the Project. We have also indicated our desire to gain a joint venture partner prior to project configuration and commencing the permitting process.

An essential aspect of raising the needed capital to construct the Livengood Gold Project is demonstrating that the jurisdiction has a predictable and durable regulatory process. The modified House Bill 77 before you is a solid effort to improve the management of Alaska's lands, waters, fish and game for all of Alaska, so that our State may be responsibly developed.

This bill does not diminish the public process or remove Alaskans' ability to meaningfully comment in any way. By requiring participation at the initial stages of the process, when input is needed and can be practicably addressed, it ultimately strengthens Alaskans' ability to be heard. The general permitting provisions in this bill will primarily benefit individual Alaskans who seek to do business on state land or water. This will also free up state resources to focus on larger development activities.

We believe that in-stream water flow reservations should only be held by state agencies, which allows them to properly balance needs for water while ensuring that sufficient flows remain for protecting other uses as required by statute.

We thank you for your continued efforts on this legislation and urge you to move HB 77 out of the Resources Committee in its current form.

Sincerely,

Rick Solie, Manager  
Investor & Community Relations



## **ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS of ALASKA**

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8005 SCHOON STREET, SUITE 100 • ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99518  
TELEPHONE (907) 561-5354 • FAX (907) 562-6118

March 14, 2014

Senator Cathy Giessel  
Chair, Senate Resources Committee  
State Capitol Room 427  
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: SCS CSHB 77

Dear Senator Giessel

The Associated General Contractors of Alaska (AGC) is a trade association representing over 650 Alaskan businesses in the construction industry. As a representative of business and thousands of employees, a big part of our effort is to support issues that can move our economy ahead so that everyone in Alaska has an opportunity to prosper. The committee substitute for HB77 will help with that, and on behalf of AGC I want to express our strong support for the bill.

We supported the original version that came to you last spring, and I believe the committee substitute before you is improved in that it has addressed most of the concerns that have been aired. It neither compromises the public process and rights nor enables roadblocks to legitimate development rights.

Over the years in working to keep Alaska moving I've often said that it used to be the that biggest obstacle we had to doing something was getting the money. Today the biggest obstacle is getting permission. This bill will help alleviate some of the lack of consistency and predictability in the permitting process.

Again, thank you for your efforts and the time working on this important bill. I encourage you and all your colleagues support the compromise language in the committee substitute and enact this legislation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John MacKinnon, Executive Director  
Associated General Contractors of Alaska

**From:** Jomo Stewart  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 2:27 PM  
**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel  
**Cc:** Sen. Click Bishop; Peter Fellman; Lindsay Williams  
**Subject:** HB 77 - Letter of Support - FEDC.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Standard

Dear Senator Giessel,

Please find attached a Letter of Support for HB 77 from the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation, signatories CEO Dodson and myself, for your records. If you would please include it in the Record, it would be greatly appreciated.

With my Compliments,

Jomo Stewart,

Energy & Mining Project Manager

Fairbanks Economic Development

**From:** On Behalf Of Jim Robinson  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 2:34 PM  
**To:** Sen. Fred Dyson  
**Subject:** Letter of support for HB77

Dear Senator Dyson,

I writing to let you know how disappointed I am hearing all the inflammatory rhetoric and baseless untruths being spread about HB77. I own and run a small consulting company in Juneau, providing geological and geophysical consulting services to the mining and mineral exploration industries in the Southeast and across Alaska. I fear that the voices of those of us who support this bill are not being heard. Unfortunately I am working out of town this week and am not able to testify at the public hearings.

In my line of work I am very familiar with the current regulatory and permitting regimes, and something must be done if we are going to continue to have a mining industry in Alaska. Currently it is so easy for anyone to stop or delay almost any permit approval for an indefinite period of time for almost any reason. We need HB77 passed as amended in order to provide some predictability to the permitting process.

I have clients and potential clients who are very hesitant to participate in even grassroots level exploration programs in Alaska. This is because they fear the uncertainties that permit applicants currently face; and the hurdles they know they will face if their programs succeed, and they are in a position to need more technically challenging permits in the future. HB77 is a common sense bill that is a step in the right direction. It will allow my company and others like it to continue to provide good jobs in Alaska, for Alaskans.

Please do not let the anti-progress people win this debate and drive another nail into the coffin of the mining industry in Alaska.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Jim Robinson

Aurora Geosciences (Alaska ) Ltd.

Unit B1, 1901 Davis Ave.,  
Juneau, AK 99801

**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 2:44 PM

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**Subject:** cc: I Support HB77

Sent via email to: Representative Saddler

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Thank you,

Patti Wilson  
PO Box 671112  
24328 Park Dr  
Chugiak AK 99567

From: Nancy Brown

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 2:40 PM

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

Subject: Support of HB 77

I want to take this opportunity to encourage your "Yes" vote on HB 77 Permitting Reform Bill.

This is a good piece of legislation that will improve permitting in Alaska.

Nancy Brown

sent via iPhone



**From:** Kerry Jones  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 2:40 PM  
**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel  
**Subject:** HB77

Please vote YES on this bill!

*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.*

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Kerry Jones Eagle River, AK

**From:****Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 9:11 AM**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel**Subject:** I Support HB77

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Thank you,

Mike Heatwole  
5200 Huffman Road  
Anchorage AK 99516

**From:** davidneesak

**Date:** March 15, 2014 at 10:10:23 AM AKDT

**To:** "Sen. Cathy Giessel" <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>, "Sen. Hollis French" <Sen.Hollis.French@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Hb 77 Cooper landing view

**Reply-To:** davidneesak

Dear Senators,

I am represented by both of you. Mr French for my Anchorage home on curlew circle 66% of the year, Sen Giesel for my home on Holben circle cooper landing.

Cooper landing was settled by miners in 1898 their activity had minimal effect on the streams and waters. In fact the dredging of the Kenai river, hydraulic mining of cooper creek, hard rock mining or placer mining of almost every stream is well documented in the book history of mining on the kenai peninsula.

Water was diverted, stream channels changed, hydraulic mining on berth creek in turnagain pass made it look like a moon scape.

Yet all of this activity left the kenai the recreation playground it is.

All of the hiking and biking trails area mining roads. Trails you both hike and ride.

The Chugach National forest was established because of the railroads excessive timber use, not mining.

As I watched the 1920 fox farm cabin get demolished on Holben this winter, I gave thanks to those miners, as Cooper Landing would not exist without them.

When I float the river and pull out at Jims landing, I will be one of the few to give thanks to big and little Jim, who used that piece of property to access their claims on the other side of the river. Land now taken for the public use from private landowners.

Hb77 allows the process of inroads to continue, allows new areas to be opened. Please consider this a support letter.

The only thing I would add is in the appeal process the state senator should be included as a public representative.

Again HB77 is a good bill please vote yes.

David Nees  
2542 curlew  
19275 Holben

**From:** karen wilder

**Date:** March 16, 2014 at 11:14:08 AM AKDT

**To:** <[Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>

**Subject:** HB-77

Richard & Karen Wilder Fairbanks support HB-77. We would like to thank you for supporting HB-77

**Subject: HB 77**

Greetings,

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Randy Eledge

VP Business Development

Marsh Creek, Energy Systems

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Karen Matteson  
5310 Bishops Castle Cir.  
Anchorage AK 99516

**Subject: CSHB77**

Permitting in our state matters to all of us. And it matters that it's done well and in the best interest of ALASKANS. I support CSHB77 because it allows us to continue with public comment, increases the assurances that our state maintains the fairness of use for all Alaskans, and reduces the potential for outside interests to hold up Alaskan projects. As a business owner whose clients are 90% Alaskan small businesses, I rely on my customers being successful. They are lodge owners, floatplane operators, and contractors. As they expand and apply for permits, it is imperative that those permits move smoothly and appropriately. Building an addition, a hangar, or new tourism attraction is critical to their success. Being held up by anti-development activists, who have won the paper chase, is vastly detrimental to a small business. Small business dollars cannot wait months and months for a decision. I am not opposed to a proper process that protects our great state. And I don't think you'll find many Alaskans that disagree. We want our beauty to be maintained, with responsible, reliable, and responsive development, with good solid permitting processes.

I encourage a yes vote on this bill. Let's show Alaska business owners that we are OPEN for business and we're SERIOUS about it.

Renee Schofield, CEO  
TSS, Inc  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

**From:** Chris Kennedy

**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 1:11 PM

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

**Subject:** Please vote Yes on HB77

Senator's;

I support HB77;

“Alaska must be rigorous, science based, transparent and predictable and HB77 fulfills that expectation. We thank you for hearing this bill and urge you to pass it out of committee in its current form.”

Thank You

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Chris Kennedy  
General Manager

Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC.



**From:** Jeff Keener

**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 1:26 PM

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

**Subject:** HB77 .. a professional's perspective

Greetings All and thank you for the opportunity to comment about HB77. I have been working as a professional mining/geological consultant in Alaska for 25 years and for 20 of those years, have been directly involved with permitting exploration and placer mining projects. In my opinion, the General Permit for federal agencies has worked remarkably well and I would highly encourage you to utilize this principle in regards to the State's regulatory interest in smaller, routine development projects. It saves a tremendous amount of time (for everyone involved) and money (state & industry) when proposed activities are evaluated for the criteria given in the general permit stipulations, and if the project meets these stipulations, the project moves forward. In no way does this give anyone the green light to break the law or violate the stipulations of the general permit or any other regulation.

Everyone needs to keep in mind that the proposed activities are perfectly legal and lawful and performed on lands specifically authorized for the proposed activity, with statutory rights & obligations to conduct such activities. The general permit does not exempt, waive, or excuse anyone from complying with all laws, regulations and statutes that are relevant to the proposed activity. The general permits on the federal side are very specific as to the allowed and prohibited use of the lands and resources. There is no reason to think that the State of Alaska couldn't perform even better than the federal government. Permit applications and permits are public documents, available to the public upon request and if anyone has a specific concern about a specific project, they can raise their concern at any time.

In my experience, which is shared ubiquitously with my colleagues, one the biggest problems in dealing with regulatory agencies is lack of timely response. The federal government is horrible about this and intentionally, so. You have to wonder who is serving whom? The state agencies are much better and more responsive to Alaskans, and could be improved upon with the institution of general permits for routine activities.

Let's reduce the useless paperwork and help put Alaskans to work on their productive projects. The State of Alaska has a stronger interest in promoting development, not in discouraging development of our lands..

I strongly urge you to approve HB77.

Regards,  
Jeff Keener  
President & Chief Geologist  
Metallogeny, Inc.

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Thank you,

Mrs. Belinda Breaux  
President  
Breux Leadership Solutions  
11401 Mountain Lake Dr  
Anchorage AK 99516

**From:** Ken Hall

**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 1:42 PM

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

**Cc:** Ken Hall

**Subject:** HB&&

Senators,

Thank you for your service to the State of Alaska and its citizens.

I would like to go on record as supporting HB77. The intent of the Bill is to offer clarification and streamlining to the permitting process.

If passed there is ample opportunity for public comment and by stake holders, Alaskans will be heard regarding the issuing permits of which they have an interest in. A key ingredient of this bill is the attempt add an accountability to the appeals process by those that have an interest in a decision. The hope is this would limit the assault on development of Alaska's resources. Unfortunately Alaska's responsible resource development has been restricted by cumbersome restrictions and permitting processes, the intent of this bill is to help in streamlining the process yet protecting the environment and stakeholders.

I support passage of HB77.

Thank you

Ken Hall

2506 Kuskokwim Ave

Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

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Mr. Don Morrison  
10641 Elies Drive  
Anchorage AK 99507

I am unable to attend today's LIO meeting, but I encourage you to vote Yes on HB77. I've heard the overwhelming testimonies you received on Wednesday's LIO testimonies and I'm convinced the majority of those people never read the revised bill or are sheep within special interest groups. Their emotional statements of harming the environment, salmon, traditional way of life etc. is fundamentally flawed. This bill would simply allow the processing of permits to run more efficiently.

I am involved in the effort to eradicate the invasive weed Elodea from our streams and lakes on the Kenai Peninsula and am fully aware of the current hurdles in obtaining permits – hurdles that have delayed the treatment of this harmful weed on salmon development. HB77 will bring accountability to the appeals process and avoid the bottle-necking by special interest groups on issues which they have not direct involvement.

Please vote Yes on HB77.

Thank you,

Michele Hartline

Nikiski, Alaska

Dear Senator Giessel: please find attached a letter supporting 2d SCS CSHB 77(Res) from Tower Hill Mines – Livengood Gold Project. Thank you and the Resources Committee for your work on this important issue for Alaska.

Sincerely,

Rick Solie

Manager, Investor & Community Relations

Tower Hill Mines - Livengood Gold Project

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From: John Lamborn  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7:43 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: HB-77

Senator Giessel,

Thank you for your support for HB77. I hope it isn't too late. I understand the antis were there opposing this measure. My guess is they were either paid to be there by Gillam and pals or just don't have anything better to do with their welfare money. I was at work and unable to attend. Please continue your support for this bill.

Sincerely,

John C. Lamborn  
Sterling, AK



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Attention: *Senate Resources Committee*

Regarding: *HB77*

Summary: YES VOTE

Dear Members,

With this letter, I am exercising the privilege to have my voice heard in the decision making process of our government.

In support of HB77, I would like to emphasize the language used in the Mission Statement of Alaska's Constitution. It is the priority to "encourage development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest" while concurrently "protecting the environment". The Reform is consistent with our mission.

I appreciate the combined knowledge and discretion that you, the Senate Resource Committee, have while evaluating the passage of this Bill. I know that as you evaluate the support vs. opposition you will take full consideration of applicable and accurate testimonies. As with any sound decision, erroneous data will only produce bad results and should be disregarded. I have confidence that you have read and understand the provisions in HB77 and recognize false testimony.

I support this Bill and I support the Members of this Committee as the decision is made. Please, don't allow the talented and intelligent workforce of our government to continue to waste time in the same way every day. Enable them, enable us and vote YES on HB77.

Cordially,

Yvette Lancaster  
Managing Member  
Dirtech, LLC

From: Dan Graham  
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 5:12 PM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop  
Subject: Follow-Up on CSHB77

Senator Giessel, Senator Micciche and Senator Bishop –

We have been paying attention to the proceedings regarding CSHB77 and are aware of all of the emotional testimony given. However, the majority of the testimony does not reflect the factual content of the bill. We see that those opposed to the bill and resource development are STILL claiming the bill will single handedly allow mining projects to mine through salmon streams with no public input. As we discussed with you this past fall, there is nothing that we see in the bill that would remove a single public review period for large projects such as ours. The bill has no effect of ADF&G and USACE permit requirements for work in and around salmon streams – it is a DNR permit bill.

In my view, the changes made in the CS address the key items raised by both Sen Bishop and Micciche as well as in the public hearings held on the Kenai prior to the session. We applaud you for using that public process and trying to address the concerns you have. We find it disappointing that those insistent on opposing the bill refuse to acknowledge those changes and continue to submit negative comments based on false facts without addressing specific points in the bill as Senator Giessel had requested at the start of Friday's testimony.

We urge you to hold true to the facts and please do not succumb to the emotional rhetoric. CSHB77 helps free up valuable staff resources away from spending time on repetitive type minor activities so they can focus on the more complex individual permits and further reduce the permit backlog. Reducing the backlog was a mandate given to DNR – this bill will help them achieve that mandate while still protecting the environment.

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From: Family Fuego

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 8:32 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Support for HB 77

Dear Senator Giessel

As a family that makes our living from the oil and mining industries, we have both seen firsthand the importance of a robust and efficient permitting process to resource development in Alaska and the misuse of that process by those with anti-development agenda whose goal is not to protect the environment, but simply to stop any and all development in our State.

HB 77 will improve the efficiency of the permitting process and also help to prevent some of the ongoing abuses of that process. We would like to thank you for your leadership in helping to craft compromise language for HB77 that addresses the concerns of all Alaskans and encourage you to continue moving the bill forward to a YES vote in the Senate.

Thank you,

James and Esther Fuego