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

**Subject:** Opposition to HB 161

Dear Senators,

I am requesting that you add this email to the documents package for HB 161.

From my understanding in the next few days you will be considering HB 161 in which allows more draw tags to be auctioned off and those auctioning them off to keep 30% (up from the current 10%) for conservation in AK. I don't believe that the financial benefit will be worth the cost to us Alaskan's which you are representing.

I don't believe that it will benefit Alaskans as much as supporters of this bill say it will. There are too many scenarios regarding how the money could be spent/used to address, but I think that it says a lot that those who stand to keep more money for their organizations strongly support this bill. Not because it helps conservation in Alaska, but because it gives these organizations more publicity with more/better tags to raffle off and allows them to spend more of the money how they think it is best instead of ADF&G who has the most knowledge and expertise where that money is needed most. If they were truly most concerned about conservation, they would use their platforms to raffle off the opportunities and give 100% to the state agencies that have the best resources to use that money the most effectively, not for non-profit pet projects!

I have heard some supporter's state that it is not a big deal as this only takes away 26 of the over 4,000 current draw tags, but the tags in question are some of the most highly sought after by Alaskan's. I think it would be a shame to take these tags/opportunities from Alaskans and put in the hands of the highest bidder (who most likely is a non-resident). I encourage you to visit the following internet thread on the Alaska Outdoor Forums website which is the most popular website for Alaskan Hunters to express their opinions :

<http://forums.outdoorsdirectory.com/showthread.php/139609-Article-on-Auction-Permits>

As you will see that although there are many topics with many opposing views, Alaskan hunters (who will be the ones affected if this bill passes) overwhelmingly oppose HB 161. Please remember that the opportunities this bill would take away are PRICELESS to many Alaskans and can be the adventure of their lifetime. Please don't vote for a bill that allows a non-resident to buy these opportunities away from Alaskan's. Especially when 30 percent of that money may not even be used for what is best for Alaska/Alaskans!!!

Sincerely,

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