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To: Senator Anna Fairclough, Chair  
Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

Cc: Stanley Leaphart, Executive Director  
Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas

From: Representative Wes Keller

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Date: 3/25/14

Re: Audit Request on the Citizens Advisory Commission on Federal Areas (CACFA)

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Senator Fairclough,

During committee debate in the Senate Finance Committee on March 21, 2014 regarding House Bill (HB) 244 (Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas), questions and concerns were brought up regarding whether the commission was properly noticing meetings, posting meeting minutes, and in general meeting its statutory mission statement and objectives. Concern was also expressed that CACFA has not previously undergone a formal audit and therefore it was the will of Senate Finance to place the commission under the list of boards and commissions subject to legislative audit under AS 44.66.

I agreed to personally request a formal audit of CACFA in exchange for the commission being allowed to sunset on June 30, 2021 rather than 2018. In a desire to promote open and transparent government, I formally request the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas be audited by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee to ensure the commission has and continues to ably meet its statutory mandate established in AS 41.37.

I am confident you will find that CACFA has ably performed its mission objectives in advocating for Alaskans' right to access our lands and waters as provided under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. On behalf CACFA's Executive Director Stanley Leaphart and each commission member, please do not hesitate to contact my or CACFA's office if we may be of assistance.

Thank you.