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The Honorable Tammie Wilson
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Representative Wilson,

I fully support the proposed amendment to the Alaska Clean Water Act. This amendment minimizes the opportunities for interruption to critical military training while maintaining a high level of environmental protection according to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

The United States Military presence in Alaska is vital to the state's safety, security, and economic stability. We must take every opportunity to empower the men and women of the military with the best training scenarios available. Alaska offers premier military training areas that are unmatched by any other location in the world. Although continued military training is critical, the protection of the natural environment on which the training is conducted is equally important. The amendment to the Alaska Clean Water Act both enhances military training capabilities and ensures the protection of Alaska's pristine environment.

Thank you for your efforts regarding this amendment. Your continued support of the United States Military in Alaska and your desire to protect Alaska's natural environment is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas H. Katkus".

Major General Thomas H. Katkus
Commissioner, DMVA