

February 12, 2016

The Honorable Louise Stutes Alaska House of Representatives 120 4th St. Rm. 416 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Stutes:

Safari Club International, Alaska Chapter is a leading supporter of wildlife conservation and the hunting heritage here in Alaska and as a member club of the world's largest hunting organization, we are very supportive of your legislation, HB 254, to extend the sunset date for the Big Game Commercial Services Board. We believe it is imperative that the State of Alaska has a board committed to maintaining high professional standards within this industry.

Alaska's fish and wildlife are very important to our citizens and therefore must be managed and allocated through sound science conducted by professionals. Having the BGCSB to regulate the guiding industry is an important component of such a professional management system.

We appreciate your willingness to support this important, sustainable industry that has contributed so much to Alaska's history and economy through the introduction of HB 254. If we may be of any assistance in assuring the passage of this legislation, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Eddie Grasser

Governmental Affairs Chairman