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Representative David Talerico, Co-Chair  
Representative Benjamin Nageak, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee  
State Capital Room 124  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: CSSB32(Res) Timber Sales

Dear Representatives Talerico and Nageak,

I am writing to urge the House Resources Committee to hear and pass this important piece of legislation.

My company, Denali Log & Lumber, LLC relies on local timber resources to produce the products that residents of the upper Susitna valley desire to use when building their homes, cabins and farms. Timber sales offered by the Division of Forestry play an important role in my business and the businesses of others in south-central Alaska.

Having a stable, reliable source of raw materials is critical for the success of a manufacturing company. With such a large proportion of the land base in Alaska owned by government those of us in the natural resources development industries look to these public agencies as one of the most reliable sources for these raw materials. However, certain parts of the state, particularly the outlying areas, cannot fully benefit from the negotiated sales programs allowed under current law. Passing CSSB32 would solve this problem and allow DNR/DOF the ability to fit its sales programs to the needs of growing businesses. In these times of shrinking oil revenues, supporting the growth and diversification of all of Alaska's industries will be needed for the long health of our economy.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and urge you to pass this legislation out of committee as soon as possible.

Mark Stahl, Owner  
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