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Dear Representative Munoz,

I am writing you to express my organization's support of House Bill 41; reinstatement of the Sport Fishing Guide License Program that sunset on December 31, 2014.

This program has been working well and it is in the best interest of our industry and all Alaskans to reinstate the program. It will ensure that fishing guides and operators meet industry standards and safety requirements and allows the Department of Fish and Game to track the health of our industry and the economic benefits it confers to the state and our communities.

This program has functioned for many years without any issues and this legislation will ensure that this continues.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I would be would be happy testify or make some of our members available for testimony when the bill is heard in committee.

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