

## Sen. Chris Birch

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**From:** Jay H. Stanford <jay.stanford18@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:11 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Christa McDonald; Sen. Chris Birch  
**Cc:** Sam Rohrer  
**Subject:** SB43

Dear Senator Wilson,

I would like to thank you for sponsoring SB43 and I strongly support the re-authorization of the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB). The guiding industry has a long rich history in Alaska and it's an industry that I'm proud to be a part of. I've been guiding for six years around the state including the Wrangell Mountains, Bristol Bay, and Kodiak. I have seen first hand the positive economic impact the guiding industry has on rural communities. Communities that heavily rely on the economic bump in the spring and fall that guides and clients bring. It is also important to re-authorize the BGCSB to keep a professional hunting voice in the regulatory process and to help authorize entry into the guiding industry through issuing guide licenses.

I've had the privilege of working with some of the top outfitters in Alaska and ethics and professionalism has been their top priority and that starts with the BGCSB. As a registered guide, that just went through the licensing and testing process just two years ago, I know the BGCSB is key to keeping high professional standards in the guiding industry. Without the BGCSB we could lose the current process of licensing new guides that keeps the professional standards high.

The re-authorization of the BGCSB is key to keep a voice for the guiding industry in the regulatory process to help insure there's a future for the guiding industry. An industry that contributes more that \$70 million a year to the economy of Alaska and one that needs to be protected for future generations.

Once again I thank you for sponsoring SB43 and I urge your fellow constituents to support it.

Sincerely,

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