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To: House Resources Committee

Re: Confirmation of Doug Vincent-Lang as Commissioner of the

Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Dear Co-chairs Tarr & Lincoln, and members of House Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska wants to express our support of Doug Vincent-Lang as Commissioner of Fish & Game. Doug is well-qualified for the position with a long background with ADF&G and has shown that he will stand up for state's rights as Commissioner and the ability for Alaska to continue to manage <u>our</u> wildlife as we deem best.

While we expect there may be areas of disagreement with the new Commissioner on some issues, the one thing we've always respected about Mr. Vincent-Lang is his willingness to engage with the public and groups in ways that try to bring us together instead of apart. That's a great asset, because as everyone on the committee knows, fish and game management can be controversial at times.

In closing, we hope you will vote to move Doug Vincent-Lang's name out of committee for a full confirmation hearing before the entire legislature.

Sincerely,

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