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Dear Members of State of Alaska House Resources Committee (with focus on member Dave Talerico, my representative).

This is a statement and request to the April 12, 2019 committee hearing to respectfully offer opposition to the nomination of Mr. Al Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG).

Mr. Barrette is well known for his extreme views in past attempts to influence wildlife policy.
Most recent is his proposal to classify all resident hunters as subsistence hunters in several Arctic game units.

His past effort to promulgate extreme unethical snowmachine hunts of wolves adjacent to Denali National Park is another example.

Generally he is known as being out of the realm of wildlife interests of the broader Alaskan public.

His confirmation and BOG participation if confirmed would be a major embarrassment to the State of Alaska by most any reasonable measure.

Alaska Statute 15.05.221 directs member selection to consist of individuals who have interest in public affairs, who exercise good judgement, and who can provide diversity of interest and
points of view among board members.

Mr. Barrette surely has a diverse view point, but one corrosive to ethical stewardship of our wildlife.

His typical promotions of unethical treatment of wildlife falls way beyond that which would serve Alaska's public interest and far beyond what ethical hunters may consider the doctrine of fair chase.

He must not serve on our BOG.

Thank you for considering my statement to the committee.

Sincerely,
Jim Kowalsky
Fairbanks