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The Honorable Josh Revak
Alaska State Senate
Alaska State Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 22, Intensive Management surcharge/peel term date.

Dear Senator Revak:

On behalf of the Alaska Board of Game, I would like to express our unanimous support for Senate Bill 22 which repeals the sunset of the Intensive Management Surcharge.

It's been over 25 years since the legislature passed the Intensive Management law (AS 16.05.255), directing the Board of Game to manage moose, caribou and deer populations in ways that assure food security for our residents. Since that time, the Board and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game have worked together to develop effective and scientifically sound programs and regulations that have benefited people and assured that all wildlife populations, including predators, continue to be sustainable.

These programs, however, are costly and many need to be maintained on a regular basis to assure success. The Intensive Management Surcharge that was established a few years ago provides a reliable source of revenue for the programs that will allow the Board and the Department to strategically plan ways to implement the Intensive Management law into the future. Hunters that directly benefit from these programs are the ones paying for it, and most seem to be willing to continue to help. In addition, the COVID pandemic has further emphasized the importance of wild game for food security in Alaska.

We thank you for giving us both the tools and a reliable revenue source to manage the wildlife resources of this great state in ways that benefit both the animals and the people who use them. We hope you are successful in your efforts to perpetuate the Intensive Management Surcharge. Please let us know if there are any ways we can assist you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Van Daele".

Larry Van Daele, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

cc: Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang, ADF&G
Director Eddie Grasser, ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation