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Senator Joshua Revak / Senate Resources Committee Chairman

State Capitol Room 124 Juneau AK, 99801

RE: SB 134 "An Act relating to master guide-outfitter qualifications for licensure."

Chairman Revak and Senate Resources Committee Members,

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Unfortunately, most of our board and professional members are in the field guiding and unavailable to participate in written or public comments.

Currently, Alaska Master and Registered Guide-Outfitters are very concerned that the way AS 08.54.610 (b) and AS 08.54.710(k) currently read, that they could lose their Master Guide License or be prevented from applying for one for 15 years, for very minor violations. During the discussions prior to the current statutes passing, we don't feel this was ever the legislature's intent.

This is a very real problem that urgently needs to be fixed and we appreciate the legislatures time and effort to do that. We feel the current language in SB 134 is a big step in the right direction, and support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wayne Kubat Vice President, APHA