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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,

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.

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RE: SENATE BILL 134

May 1, 2021

It is important and urgent that Senate Bill 134 pass as a temporary fix to the Master Guide Bill that was written with unintended circumstances stating that a Master Guide **Shall** lose his license in so much as a paperwork violation!

I know of a registered guide, luckily not a master guide, that recently mailed in his hunt contract with an air charter only to find it in a tote from that air charter 3 months later, never mailed, therefore being in violation of getting it in on time.

There is no other industry, including Doctors and Nurses that are held to this high of a standard stating the word **Shall** lose their license.

It is in the benefit of the Industry, Master Guides, and the Board that the wording be changed to **May** and not **Shall**. With this change, it will still allow the Board the authority to take a license when deemed necessary. However, if it cannot be changed at this time, it is of the utmost importance that we **pass Senate Bill 134** to eliminate the unintended consequences of the prior Bill against all Master Guides.

Please consider this Bill carefully - would you want it in your Industry? **Shall** lose your License for a paperwork violation??

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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