

# Eagle's Rest RV Park & Cabins

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February 23, 2021

Dear Representative George Rauscher,

My husband Jeff and I built Eagle's Rest RV Park, located in Valdez, in 1991. With our 31<sup>st</sup> summer season coming up, we have seen many changes in our industry. From the size of RV's, the age of our guests, insurance rates, etc. HB 32 you are considering will go a long way in helping small businesses like ours continue to grow camping and RVing in Alaska to its full potential.

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Please support House Bill 32.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signatures of Jeff and Laura Saxe. The signature of Jeff is above the signature of Laura.

Jeff and Laura Saxe

Eagle's Rest RV Park & Cabins

Chicken Gold Camp & Outpost  
Dba Chicken RV Park  
PO Box 70  
Chicken, Alaska  
99732

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Michael Busby, owner

Emma Busby, owner



Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve  
**BASE CAMP KENNICOTT**  
*at the Wrangell-St. Elias Gateway!*  
*Mile 59.4 McCarthy Road End*

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Rep. George Rauscher  
State Capitol Room 426  
Juneau AK, 99801

by email to: [Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov)

Re: HB32 Campground Immunity/Inherent Risk

Dear Rep. Rauscher:

I am co-owner of Base Camp Kennicott in the heart of at the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve at the end of the McCarthy Road. We are a small business at the Kennicott River footbridge and provide a camping experience for a large number of the visitors to the area.

We strongly support HB 32! Thank you for helping us with this common-sense matter.

All Alaskans know that camping is popular because it offers a truly natural experience...staying in undeveloped areas featuring trails through our taiga forest, glaciers, mountains and tundra. Families around a campfire, making lifelong memories in a place where there are no streetlights - to enjoy the natural world as it is. Campground owners provide guests with these unspoiled natural experiences. The value of the camping experience is the variability and unpredictability of nature itself.

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Respectfully,

BASE CAMP KENNICOTT



[SIGNED AND TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY]

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February 22, 2021

Dear Representative George Rauscher,

My family and I own Big Bear RV Park in Palmer, Alaska. We have a small campground that consists of 53 sites and 6 cabins. This will be our campground's 17th season.

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Respectfully,

Rachel Gittlein

## Abby St.Clair

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**From:** Alaskan Angler RV & Afishunt Charters of Ninilchik <BakersRVResort@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 10:12 AM  
**To:** Rep. George Rauscher  
**Subject:** House Bill 32

Dear Rep. George Rauscher,

My name is Felecia Baker from Alaskan Angler RV Resort and Cabins in Ninilchik Alaska. This company has been the largest campground in the area for over 25 years, and I have had the pleasure of owning it for the past 7. Even though we are the largest in the area we are still a very small business that runs only from May 1 to Labor Day. We specialize in offering a quiet environment for families that want to fish the local areas.

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Respectfully,  
Felecia Baker

Alaskan Angler RV & Afishunt Charters of Ninilchik  
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PO Box 39388  
Ninilchik AK 99639

## Jesse Logan

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**From:** Rep. George Rauscher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Jesse Logan  
**Subject:** FW: HB32

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**From:** Mike Jernigan < t>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:53 AM  
**To:** Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB32

Dear George Rauscher, mike cronk, click Bishop.

\*Personalize with the who you are, name of your park, location, how long in business, if you are a small business and any other information to describe your business.

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