To: Josiah Patkotak – Chair, House Resources Committee -32<sup>nd</sup> Alaska Legislature Senator Joshua Revak

From: John D Frost MD

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Ref: In Favor of Ruth Cusack consideration for appointment to AK Board of Game.

Chair Patkotak and Honorable Members of the House Resources Committee

I would like to personally strongly support Ruth Cusack for a seat on the Alaska Board of Game.

I have known Ruth primarily through her work with the Alaska Chapter of Safari Club International. She is remarkably hard working, ethical and dedicated to conservation of our precious wildlife resources. She is a hard working women, who always seems to be willing to help with the numerous details of making a big conservation fundraising event actually happen successfully.

She is personally an avid hunter, primarily for meat as well as the adventure. She moved to Alaska about 15 years ago primarily because of her love of hunting and Alaska's wild country. She has been active hunting for herself and doing the work to become an assistant guide. She has hunted and traveled in most of the major areas of the State. As a result she is familiar with many of the controversies and allocation issues that exist within a State as diverse and large as Alaska. She would bring an open analytical perspective to discussions on the Board of Game regarding those issues.

I have been very familiar with the functioning of the Alaska Board of Game and have personally attended, testified at and written proposals for many of their meetings. I have done this both personally as far back as the mid 80s and in the capacity of the Legislative Vice-president of The Alaskan Bowhunters Association for over 20 years. I say this only because it shows that I am more than casually familiar with the Board of Game Process and the amount of work and dedication that is required of Board of Game Members. It is my strong belief that Ms. Ruth Cusack has the intellect, deep interest and strong work ethic to be an excellent member of the Board of Game.

Please do not hesitate to contact me personally if you wish any more information regarding my support for Ruth Cusack for the Board of Game.

Sincerely,

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