



Council of  
**Alaska Producers**

**Support for HB83  
Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal  
Management Areas (CACFA)**

March 13, 2023

Representative Tom McKay, Chair  
House Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative McKay and members of the House Resources Committee,

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) is writing to support HB83, "An Act reestablishing the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Formed in 1992, CAP is a non-profit trade association that works to inspire Alaskans to realize a shared goal of sustainable mineral production, providing economic and social benefits to our communities and the people of Alaska. CAP represents the interests of Alaska's five large metal mines and several advanced projects, informing members on legislative and regulatory issues, supporting and advancing the mining industry, and educating members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues.

The federal government is the largest landowner in Alaska and its planning, operation, and development of the federal management areas must be monitored to ensure consistency with federal laws and congressional intent. For many years, the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska (CACFA) effectively monitored the effects of federal regulation and management decisions. CAP supports reestablishment of this valuable commission to defend Alaska's rights.

Thank you for hearing this bill. We encourage the Resources Committee to pass it from committee quickly.

Sincerely,

Karen Matthias  
Executive Director