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To: Cathy Schlingheyde <Cathy.Schlingheyde@akleg.gov>
Subject: Senate Bill on trapping licenses

The Alaska Trappers Association fully supports the intent of SB10.

We have many military veterans amongst our members. We recognize the sacrifices those people made to defend our country. The least we can do in return is to encourage and enable them to participate in the trapping activities which are so important to us.

We view the effect of SB10 as a simple “thank you” for their service.

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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:00 PM
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Subject: Re: Letter of Support for SB 10

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January 26, 2023

Alaska Senate,

This is a letter of support for SB10 Sponsored by Senator Kiehl.

On Behalf of the Alaska Native Veterans Association and its Members, we support SB10.

We believe it would be a good way to honor the veterans and active service members for their sacrifice they have made for our Nation and our people.

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The Honorable Click Bishop, The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Co-chairs, Senate Resources Committee
33rd Alaska State Legislature

Re: Support for Senate Bill 10 HUNTING/TRAPPING/FISHING: DISABLED VETS

February 2, 2023

Dear Senators Bishop, Giessel, and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

The Safari Club International Alaska Chapter supports Senate Bill 10 HUNTING/TRAPPING/FISHING: DISABLED VETS.

Founded in 1971, Safari Club International is the country's leading hunter rights advocate and additionally promotes worldwide wildlife conservation. SCI's approximately 50,000 members and 200 Chapters represent all 50 of the United States as well as 106 other countries. The Safari Club International Alaska Chapter (SCI-AK) is a 501c4 conservation non-profit Corporation established in Alaska in 1977. We currently have 720 members. Our mission statement is "First for Hunters - First for Wildlife."

This legislation inserts a section from AS 16.05.341, free license for disabled veterans and active members of the Alaska National Guard, and military reserves, to the permanent identification card (PID) statutes. The permanent identification card is a free hunting, fishing, and trapping license for residents over 60 years old with no annual renewal.

Currently, resident disabled veterans may obtain a free hunting and fishing license from the department however, trapping licenses are not included. Adding this section to the PID statute would provide a free trapping license for disabled veterans and would also provide a license without the need for annual renewal.

Outdoor activities are proven to benefit mental and physical well-being. Many veterans are older, some suffer from combat wounds or PTSD. Increasing access to healthy outdoor activities is an excellent way to honor Alaska's veteran population while incurring little cost to the state.

We thank Senator Kiehl for introducing SB 10 and offer our full support for this valuable piece of legislation.

Best regards:

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