



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Department of Alaska

To Whom it May Concern:

I am submitting this letter in support of SB 10 on behalf of the Alaska Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. As the oldest Veterans service organization in the world, we encourage passing legislation that keeps our veterans healthy and happy.

It has been proven through the many groups around the country that outdoor activities promote mental and physical well being. Many of our Veterans suffer from hidden wounds such as PTSD. This bill would provide many of us the chance to be outside and engaging in an activity that requires thought and concentration, thus allowing us to focus on constructive healing. The results of legislation such as this will produce results that may not be immediately evident such as youth education, predator control, and possible economic benefit.

When Veterans feel positive about themselves they become independent. With this independence comes strength and the desire to help others. That assistance to the community encompasses not only other Veterans, but also the local communities in which these Veterans reside.

Thank you for considering our input on this matter and we look forward to learning the results.

Sincerely,

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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.