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The Alaska Environmental Lobby strongly supports SJR 16.

\* Visitors will benefit from preservation of the historical buildings and interpretation of the area's natural and human history. These activities will help fulfill the purposes for which the Park was established.

\* The tourism industry will benefit. The low-impact tourism that has sprung up recently in the Kennecott area is a good example of the sort of economic activity we support. Such businesses contribute to a sustainable, high-quality way of life for Alaskans; and give maximum economic benefit to local communities and in-state workers.

\* An important piece of Alaskan history will be saved. I have spent time in the area myself; have witnessed the deterioration and collapse of some of the buildings; and can heartily attest to the value of adding the old townsite to the Park.

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