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The Honorable Senator Natasha von Imhof
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator von Imhof,

As requested, the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) considered Senate Bill 43 during our public meeting yesterday. The board took public comment on the proposal and voted to support the bill and both amendments with one change to A.5:

- The BGCSB voted to unanimously support the reauthorization of the BGCSB for 6 years.
- The BGCSB voted to unanimously support the A.4 amendment, which would add the word "hold" to AS 08.54.605(a).
- The BGCSB voted to unanimously support the concept of the A.5 amendment, except for the proposed change to (b)(4). As proposed, AS 08.54.610(b)(4) would give the board too much authority to restrict licensure for simple paperwork violations. The board's intent is to ensure applicants for a Master Guide license have not had any *substantive violations or convictions under AS. 08.54.720* and to provide authority to the BGCSB to deny a licensee who does not qualify.

The board would like to respectfully suggest the following language to A.5, which the board would unanimously support:

AS 08.54.610 (b)(4) has not been convicted of a violation **under AS 08.54.720** of any state or federal law or regulation related to hunting or to the provision of big game hunting or transportation services within the 15 years preceding the date of the application

With this amendment, our attorney has recommended a conforming change:

- Repeal AS 08.54.610(f)(2)

- Amend AS 08.54.610(f)(3): who is convicted of a violation **under AS 08.54.720** of any state or federal law or regulation related to hunting or the provision of big game hunting or transportation services

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to work together on SB 43 and the committee's proposed amendments. Should you have any questions, or if the board or I may be of assistance on issues related to big game guiding or transporting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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