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THE STATE
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GOVERNOR MICHAEL J. DUNLEAVY

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Representative Tuck

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: House Bill 137

Dear Representative Tuck,

The Big Game Commercial Services Board unanimously voted to oppose SB 87, which is identical to HB 137. The Board feels strongly that such a bill, which sets new restrictions on nonresident hunters should first be recommended by the Board of Game and the advisory committees, allowing for open democratic process and public input.

The Board of Game is the regulatory authority that passes regulations to conserve and develop Alaska's wildlife resources. If there is a need to restrict a hunt for conservation purposes, then that decision should remain with the Board of Game. The Big Game Commercial Services Board sees HB 137 setting limits in law and preventing the Board of Game from acting in its authorized capacity on this issue. This is clearly the purview of the State of Alaska Board of Game and not the Legislatures and so we, the State of Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board strongly oppose HB 137.

I would also like to add that Mr. Larry Van Daele recused himself from the HB 87 vote since he is the Board of Game representative on the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

Respectfully,

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