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Representative's Knopp, Wilson, Seaton & Grenn
State Capitol Room 424
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RE: Opposition to HB 263

Dear Committee Members,

The State of Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) held a teleconference board meeting on Thursday, February 1st, 2018 to discuss many of the proposed legislative bills that have been introduced this session and the potential impacts they may have on the Big Game Guiding and Transporter industries the board is tasked in regulating.

With regards to HB 263, after robust discussion and deliberation, the board unanimously voted to oppose HB 263. The consensus was that this was legislative intrusion into what is clearly a BGCSB function and that at this time exempting any other transportation services from the regulatory requirements would be premature and not a prudent path to follow through the legislature. It was agreed that this general issue must be, and will be, addressed by the BGCSB and that the BGCSB is the best avenue with which to address possible Transporter exemptions. As such, we are opposed to HB 263.

In advance, I thank you for your time and consideration and should you have any questions or if I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Henry D. Tiffany IV
Chairman, Big Game Commercial Services Board

