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Subject: Letters of support

Representative Mike Hawker
Senator Con Bunde
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

March 19, 2009

Dear Representative Mike Hawker and Senator Con Bunde,

I'm writing you to ask your support of three legislative items that support the growth and success of the Alaska tourism industry. Alaska tourism has provided a sustainable income for my family and I for the past 14 years. I am the General Manager for Alaska Wildland Adventures, based in Girdwood and our company operates trips throughout southcentral and into the interior of Alaska.

We need and appreciate your support on HB 167 and SB 138. This commitment in these bills enables the industry to grow, and, in turn, allow travel and tourism to provide yet more financial benefits to the state economy.

I'd also like to ask for your support to maintain the appropriation of \$9 million to the State of Alaska tourism-marketing program, as proposed in Gov. Palin's Operating Budget. Without the support of State of Alaska and destination and direct marketing programs through current proposed funding, it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for small Alaskan business to compete in the highly competitive travel marketplace.

I thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Kyle Kelley

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