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Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol Room 102
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Representative Seaton,

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce supports House Bill 25. Private landowners often play a pivotal role in accessing Alaska's outdoors through leasing or granting permission to use their own private property. This role helps small businesses blossom while providing recreational access for Alaska's burgeoning tourist and adventure activities. Without legal protections new tourist and adventure activities may be limited or threatened altogether. We believe HB 25 will increase business in Alaska by protecting private property owners from the potentiality of far-reaching lawsuits.

Jobs and economic opportunity are limited in many parts of Alaska. HB 25 may have additional benefits by creating opportunities in Alaska's remotest locations. The State Chamber encourages your constructive work with regards to HB 25 and we are hopeful that the bill will move through the legislative process.

Best Regards,

Wayne A. Stevens
President/CEO
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