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Mr. Cliff Judkins  
Alaska Board of Game  
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Dear Mr. Judkins:

Thank you for your letter dated June 27, regarding the Board of Game's (BOG) support for the proposed competitive guide lease program.

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) has written me on the concept of a guide lease program. APHA discussed this with their membership in a recent board meeting with much support voiced by the guides. There has been increased guide activity in Unit 13 as well as other game management units, generating conflicts with user groups. It is good to know that the majority of the Alaska guides that testified at your March BOG meeting support a mechanism to control the hunting pressure in Unit 13.

Recently, Commissioner Denby Lloyd, Deputy Commissioner Dick Lefebvre, and Deputy Chief of Staff Mike Nizich met with Mr. Fithian to discuss APHA's proposal for a competitive guide lease program on state land. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has already begun exploring the possibilities of such a program on state land similar to the U.S. Department of Interior's land concession program.

I will monitor the progress of DNR as they work towards achieving a viable competitive program. I agree this would help resolve user conflicts, improve quality of guided hunts, and reduce pressure of the wildlife population in popular hunting areas.

Thank you for your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Palin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Sarah Palin  
Governor

cc: Tom Irwin, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources  
Denby Lloyd, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game