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BART KOEHLER: My name is Bart Koehler. I'm the former executive director of SEACC twice over and currently a board member. I live here in Juneau. Zip code, 99802. I need to spell my name -- B-A-R-T K-O-E-H-L-E-R.

I'm going to sing my testimony tonight, and hopefully you'll join me in the chorus of this. Before I do that, I have to recite my favorite quote from Wally Hickel, which was "If you don't have roads, you can't get anywhere." Okay. Well, that was on a radio program. The guy who had called in had said, "Well, I don't see that as a problem. I live in Cordova. I get along fine in my boat and by ferry."

Anyway, the way this song goes -- key of D -- and I have to read the words so I don't mess this up too badly. (Singing.) I was standing in the Tongass. What did I see? A forest full of giant trees running to the sea. We need to stand up for our old growth, keep those logging roads away. Let's stand up for the trees and keep the roadless rule today.

Stand up, stand up. Stand up, stand up. Stand up for the Tongass. Save those trees today. Stand up, stand up. Stand up, stand up. Stand up for the Tongass, keep the roadless rule today.

Can you all join me in that chorus one more time? Stand up, stand up. Stand up, stand up. Stand up for the Tongass. Keep the roadless rule today. One more time. Stand up, stand up. Stand up, stand up. Stand up for the Tongass. Keep the roadless rule today. Keep the roadless rule today, Sonny Perdue.

Thank you.

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