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Regarding the Wrangell Island Project, I object to the alternatives that call for logging old growth on Wrangell Island to support local mills. The future of Alaska and the Tongass lies in its ability to support our fisheries, our tourism industry and the health of the planet. Old growth temperate rainforests, disappearing everywhere, including Alaska, are a vital resource to the planet as the world warms. The value of these refuges is hard to determine now, but, since we know that the crisis is coming, we should not do business as usual as if this were the 19th century.

The Alaskan mills that exist because of the subsidy of the federal government ought to be let fade away and the millions which are spent to prop them up in the name of "local jobs" would be better directed to assisting workers to transition to other work.

My preferred alternative is to not provide a single acre of old growth forest and, instead, to leave these vital areas to continue to support our fisheries and tourism industries and the health of our planet.

Sincerely,

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