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Dear Secretary Perdue,

I'm writing to request that you keep the Tongass Roadless Rule in place. As a 30 year resident of Haines, a small town in Southeast Alaska, I can assure you that much of our local economy depends on intact watersheds in the Tongass. Commercial trolling and gillnetting, as well as guided sport charters depend on fish who in turn depend on intact and high quality spawning grounds.

As a fiscal conservative, I am also disturbed by a new report from the non-partisan Taxpayers for Common Sense. This report examines net gains and losses to the federal treasury of the Tongass timber program over the last 20 years. I do not profess to be an economist but the report makes it clear that the United States government spends close to \$20.00 for every \$1.00 gained on the Tongass. Such a loss to support an industry where the negative spin-offs outweigh the positive ones is, frankly, outrageous. Opening unroaded areas to future logging will only continue the scandal.

I have attached a link to the recent report I cited previously.

<https://kcaw-org.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/TCS-Cutting-Our-Losses-2019-.pdf>

sincerely,

Eric Holle

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