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Roadless Rulemaking,

RE: Alaska Roadless DEIS Comment

Dear Secretary Perdue:

Along with millions of American citizens, your heirs, and mine, I respectfully request that the No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1 be adopted and that you support this Alternative. Our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will inherit the decisions and repercussions thereto of every policy, law, and choice that we are making as leaders today.

It is of utmost importance to the future of our families, citizens, and the health and wellbeing of generations to come that we support keeping the current Roadless Rule protections in place and intact for the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass is a carbon sink containing some of the largest intact old-growth temperate rainforest in the world, and its value in providing clean water for fish and wildlife habitat is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. I respectfully request that you work hard to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska. We do want to make America great again. By protecting these precious resources, we will be making America more like what it used to be.

The Roadless Rule is compulsory for the fulfillment of our President's promise to us all. These management policies the Federal Government ensure that we will keep that which makes America great. Not only does it preserve some of America's best fish and wildlife habitat, but it also saves untold millions of taxpayer dollars that might otherwise be spent to subsidize money-losing timber sales. The value of the Roadless Rule in preventing environmentally damaging and economically wasteful road-building and logging is particularly relevant in the Tongass, where logging costs vastly exceed timber revenues and require unconscionable taxpayer subsidies.

The economics of federal subsidies for the timber industry are magnified in the Tongass. It is estimated that, if all road building and timber sale costs on the Tongass are taken in to account, the Tongass timber sale program costs taxpayers \$26 million each year while yielding just \$1.69 million in return, for an average loss of more than \$24 million dollars each year for over the last 20 years-largely due to the exorbitant costs of building and maintaining new logging roads. So why are we taxpayers being forced to support a concept that starts and finishes in bankruptcy; depleting the very accounts that our President promises to protect and not spend in frivolity?

Additionally, the forest protects pristine water sources and provides irreplaceable cultural and subsistence value to Alaska Native people. Its old growth trees are the greatest carbon sanctuary in the U.S. national forests, helping us all as a counterweight against climate change. We as a nation and a leader in all things, must protect this ecologically rich landscape and all the benefits it brings; especially if we want to make America great again.

Our country, our citizens, and our families matter. We have worked very hard to stay powerful and to always set the example for the world. Now, it's time to step up and put your children, grandchildren, and their children first. Because, when we take care of the resources that they will need way more than we do, we are making decisions that make America Great Again.

I hereby respectfully request your 100% support of protecting the Tongass from undue logging at the expense of your children and mine and ensure to your family and the citizens of this great country that you care and that you have the willpower and the strength to find alternative, profitable ways to support the agricultural industries of the Northwest areas of our country in more profitable, productive ways. I respectfully request that you ensure that No-Action Alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Alternative #1 be adopted and that you support this Alternative.

There are many means to an end. I trust that you and your team can strategize and determine the solutions to agricultural challenges through other means including agro-forestry. We are approaching a mass food shortage. There are many crops we can grow in the forest that will feed millions and millions of people I know that you have the power and the skills to lead the industry to a profitable outcome; out as that is what leaders do. Thank you for making the tough choices and allowing for new growth in agriculture in innovative ways that sustain our country's future; not ensure it's demise.

Sincerely,

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