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Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to support the *No-Action Alternative*[text bolded for emphasis] for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed changes to the Alaska Roadless Rule. I strongly object to your plans reduce and remove protections from roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass contains the largest remaining intact temperature rainforest on Earth, and its value in providing clean water and habitat for fish and wildlife is essential to the economic and ecological health of Southeast Alaska. Furthermore, it's a critical carbon sink to combat climate change.

I urge you to keep the federal Roadless Rule intact and current protections in place for national forests in Alaska and across the country.

Sincerely,