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Dear Mr.Schmid:

I am writing in response to the U.S. Forest Service's proposed repealing of the Roadless Rule on the Tongass. In my view, this is a bad idea for the following reasons:

1. Economics. Fishing and tourism are the two largest sources of private employment and earnings in the region. We should be safeguarding our fish and wildlife habitat to ensure these industries remain viable.
2. Climate change. At a time when people around the world are taking action by planting trees to reduce carbon dioxide, it is irresponsible and even nonsensical to cut old growth. The Tongass is essential to addressing climate change.

Please select the "no-action" alternative on the Alaska-specific Roadless Rule and protect all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

Thank you.

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