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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

My parents honeymoon was in Alaska, and it changed their viewpoint on environmental protection. Coming from the automobile capital of the world, the world's Motor City, Detroit Michigan, we know firsthand the losses that come from valuing the economy more than environmental protection and ecoservices. There has to be a balance, and the continued implementation of the Roadless Rule will help keep that balance. Serve all you constituents needs, not just one of them.

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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