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My name is Chelsea Bruce and I am writing to you today to emphasize the invaluable significance of the Eyak River Cabins, a place deeply rooted in my family's history and cherished memories.

Since 1979, the Eyak River Cabin have served as more than just structure in the wilderness; it has been the cornerstone of our family's connection to the land, and a sanctuary where the values of subsistence living and the importance of family have been passed down through the ages.

As a child, my grandparents imparted upon me the wisdom of subsistence lifestyles, teaching me the art of fishing, hunting, and gathering in harmony with nature. Every summer spent at the Eyak River Cabins was an immersive education in sustainability, resourcefulness, and respect for the environment. Through their guidance, I learned the importance of stewardship and the profound interdependence between humans and the natural world.

Moreover, the Eyak River Cabins have been the backdrop for countless family gatherings, where stories were shared, traditions were upheld, and bonds were strengthened. In an era characterized by rapid societal changes and technological advancements, the cabins have remained a sanctuary of simplicity, where the true essence of family values is palpable.

However, the Eyak River Cabins face an uncertain future due to the lack of transfers. I urge you to recognize the importance of preserving the Eyak River Cabins for future generations. By investing in their preservation, we are not only honoring our past but also ensuring a legacy of sustainability, cultural continuity, and reverence for the land.

Sincerely, Chelsea Bruce