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## Senator Cathy Giessel

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Mr. Ray Burger  
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### **RE: Bristol Bay Area Plan**

Dear Mr. Burger,

I write to assert that the 2005 BBAP struck an appropriate balance between various stakeholder interests, and proposed amendments beyond those agreed to in the settlement of Nondalton Tribal et al v. State of Alaska, are unnecessary. Furthermore, the revisions set a dangerous precedent for future area plans.

Our state government is directed, by Article VIII, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution, "to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest."

Our lands are rich in resources, which create wealth and economy, supporting healthy people and communities. Alaska is not a massive park. Alaska is a land which has supported multiple-use resource development for generations.

Please stand firm and reject narrow proposals that seek to restrict access by our people to our lands and its resources.

Respectfully,

  
Senator Cathy Giessel