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Klawock, Alaska

The Honorable Ernest Gruening
United States Senate
Room 4106
New Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Senator:

The West Coast Development Association has taken a stand against exportation of our Alaskan round logs.

We feel exportation of round logs to Japan will not contribute to the development of home industry in our state. Log exportation is contrary to the program that our organization has presented. We will continue to seek and encourage primary and complete manufacture plants to locate here, thus providing more jobs per thousand board feet of timber harvested than would be derived from the export of round logs.

We were sorry you were unable to attend the west coast hearing on January 2. We feel much valuable and pertinent testimony was given regarding the timber industry in southeastern and the tremendous need and potential for new timber industry here in our west coast communities. As soon as we can get a copy made, we plan to send a tape recording that we made of the complete proceedings in the Jan. 2 meeting in Craig. We have asked Senator Bartlett to share it with you and representative Pollack so that our complete Alaska delegation will be fully informed on what went on that day.

We do not intend to diminish our efforts in the least in this matter. We realize there is much hard work still to be done in order to get the wheels rolling on a concrete plan of action for west coast industry. We are not discouraged by the negative thinking of some individuals. We are certainly grateful for the encouragement and assistance we have received from many. We thank you for your help and hope you will continue to give us your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

West Coast Development Association

By

Frank Peratrovich
Frank Peratrovich, Chairman

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