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The Honorable Ernest Gruening
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are writing to you to urge you to join the efforts of many Alaskans in protesting the round log exports.

We feel that devastation of Southeastern Alaska would quickly follow the wholesale logging that would ensue. There is already problem enough with clogged salmon streams, erosion, and the sheer ugliness of logged-off areas without hastening the process.

At present the sawmill owners are protesting; in a few years, when the pulp mills and loggers move out for lack of trees, it will be the entire area.

Alaska is the last chance of this country to treat a large wilderness area wisely and well, to avoid the rapacious tactics that have ruined so much else.

Knowing that you love Alaska as we do, we are hopeful, as private citizens, that you will help.

Sincerely,

George H. Longenbaugh
(Dr. and Mrs. G.H. Longenbaugh)