

Petition Statement:

We urge Alaska's decision-makers to end the unnecessary killing of bears under the guise of predator control. These iconic animals are not the problem—they are a vital part of the solution.

Scientific research consistently shows that removing apex predators like bears disrupts entire ecosystems, leading to long-term damage that outweighs any short-term gains. Non-lethal alternatives—such as habitat enhancement, herd monitoring, and community-based wildlife management—have proven more effective, ethical, and sustainable.

From an economic perspective, Alaska's bears are worth far more alive than dead. Wildlife tourism generates millions in revenue, supporting local jobs and businesses. Tourists from around the world come to witness these magnificent creatures in the wild—not to hear they've been eradicated.

We believe Alaskans can lead the way in responsible wildlife stewardship. Predator control should not mean predator elimination. It's time to protect our natural heritage, honor the science, and adopt smarter, more compassionate policies.

Stop the killing. Choose coexistence.

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