

June 11, 2012

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
US Senate
Washington, DC

No Mark Up S. 730

Dear Senator Bingaman:

Because the only blockade to Sealaska Corporation obtaining title to the land they selected on June 10, 2008 is their own request to BLM to freeze title transfer, <http://tongasslowdown.org/TL/docs/BLM%20Response%20Letter.pdf>, our Alaska towns request that S. 730 remain frozen in committee, not be marked up, passed out of committee, or attached to any other Senate Bill.

Should the Energy Committee decide to consider S 730, we ask your Committee first require the US Forest Service commission, complete, and require Sealaska Corp to pay in advance for an on the ground appraisal acre by acre showing the value of the following assets Sealaska Corp seeks from the government:

- all the standing timber acre by acre with accurate cruises of timber value
- the raw land value of the 133 square miles designated
- all the public infrastructure that exists within all the selection areas.

In a dollar valuation <http://tongasslowdown.org/TL/view.html>, estimates are as follows:

S 730 is valued at	\$ 4,884,137,500
HR 1408 is valued at	\$ 5,549,779,250

Without this on the ground appraisal, neither your committee members nor taxpayers will be able to judge the enormity of the size of the bill.

Sincerely yours,

NINE ALASKAN TOWNS