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**To: The Honorable Senator Jeff Bingaman**  
**Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee**

**Re: New Mexico Shooting Sports Association**  
**opposes S.730 ( The Sealaska Lands Bill )**

Dear Senator Bingaman,

As you are aware, the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association is a state-wide federation of shooting sports groups and interests involved in all aspects of 2nd Amendment activities.

Issues we track and engage in are those that not only affect gun rights but also the "shooting sports" such as adverse public land acquisition, land use restrictions, access issues and the like.

NMSSA is the Official State Association of the National Rifle Association. Our parallel organization for the state of Alaska is the Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC).

The AOC has brought to our attention S.730 - the Sealaska lands bill. This bill negatively affects public access to valuable Tongass National Forest areas, encumbers sportsmen's fish and game harvest activities, and results in the unnecessary and unwarranted loss of key public lands to the Sealaska Native corporation.

We support the Alaska Outdoor Council's opposition to S.730 articulated in the attached letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The public lands in question belong to New Mexicans also, they are the property of all Americans.

Please share this message with committee members and place a copy of it (with the attached AOC letter) in the hearing record for S.730.

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