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To whom it may concern,

Concerning House Bill 202A another veiled attempt at discrediting our Delta Bison. There has been successful farming here since the 1940's with one third the resources and twice the herd. Since farmers were failing in crops that will not grow well due to poor soil conditions and adverse year round weather. New to Alaska, farmers brought here during the State's failed Barley Project have been pushed to get funding, many are paid to leave their land fallow (CRP). This year had drought conditions in the area forcing our main sustainable crop (Hay) to be purchased out of area. In these times of drought, severe winds and extreme fires, I'm all for helping the farmers but not on the heads of the Bison that have been an integral part of (Buffalo Center) Delta Junction for generations (86 years). They are what put us on the map. They bring visiting hunters from all over the world. The revenue the bison have and still create is immeasurable! Please vote against any bill that asserts any blame on them or that would harm the bison anymore than they already have endured. Through it all, they still give to this community its identity, and major revenue.

Sincerely, P. A. Gooley

(A forty five year resident of Delta Junction)

Don't want to see it blow away