

Representative Chuck Kopp
Chairman
House Rules Committee
House District 24



Senator John Coghill
Chairman
Senate Rules Committee
Senate District B

Dear Mr. Landfield,


Our offices wanted to let you know that we will not be approving a press pass for the Alaska Landmine this year. This decision was made with careful consideration, and we commit to continuing this conversation with you going forward.

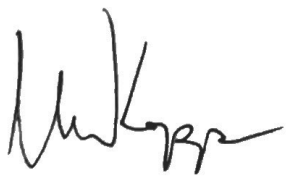
We believe that, currently, the category of content you post on your site is incompatible with the Capitol Press Corps. Members of the Capitol Press Corps are expected to adhere to the Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics, and we believe that some of the Alaska Landmine's content and participation in the Legislative process come into conflict with the Code. This is not a judgement on the quality or validity of the Alaska Landmine's content, simply an observation that it differs significantly from the work of traditional members of the Capitol Press Corps.

Our decision only applies to this year. We will fairly consider any request you may have to attain a press pass next year. You are still welcome to observe floor sessions from the galleries of the House and Senate, take photos, conduct interviews, and attend press availabilities. All Alaskans have the right to visit our state's Capitol and are encouraged to do so. In a meeting with Representative Kopp you mentioned that you were interested in taking notes by electronic means during floor sessions, and we are happy to work with you to make needed accommodations for your note-taking.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your patience as we have considered this matter.

Sincerely,


Senator John Coghill
Chair, Senate Rules Committee


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