

March 18, 2011

Senator Albert Kookesh, Alaska State Legislature Juneau, Alaska

VIA FAX (907) 465-2827 Re: SB 96

Dear Senator Kookesh;

The City and Borough of Yakutat would like to lend its support to SB 96 in that legislation's attempt to stabilize funding under the Village Safe Water Act.

Significant, temporary, population fluctuations occur in the State of Alaska as a result of development decisions made by one or more of the many large land owners who characterize property ownership in Alaska in general and Southeast in particular. Seldom are those fluctuations a reflection of core village society and economics.

The changes suggested by SB 96 will help address temporary population "bubbles" as well as guarantee continuity of project work from one building season to the next.

Thank you for your good work and continued concern for your constituency.

Sincerely

Frank L. "Skip" Ryman

Manager, City and Borough of Yakutat