

April 9, 2013

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Representative Bill Stoltze
Representative Mia Costello
Representative Steve Thompson
Representative Tammie Wilson
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Lindsey Holmes
Representative Cathy Munoz
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Representative Les Gara
Representative Scott Kawasaki

Cc: Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Craig Johnson
Representative Chris Tuck

Dear House of Representatives Finance Committee,

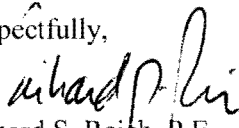
The purpose of this letter is to request your support to address the critical needs for the engineers and engineering professionals in the State of Alaska. Specifically, I request your support to amend the Capital Budget to provide the bridge funding needed to continue to move the engineering facilities at both the UAA and UAF campuses forward until supplemental appropriations or GO Bond Funding can be made available to complete these essential facilities.

I am a lifelong Alaska, born and raised in Barrow, Alaska. I went to high school in Fairbanks and later received my Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from UAF. My wife and I eventually moved to Anchorage for career advancement opportunities and I later earned my Masters in Business Administration from UAA. I am a licensed civil engineering in Alaska and all of my 30+ years of experience have been through the development of major capital and infrastructure projects in Alaska. I am proud to state that I am a "homegrown" engineer and I attribute my professional career development to both my UA college education and participating in exciting and meaningful projects that brought benefits to Alaska communities.

As a long standing member and current Chairman of the UAA School of Engineering Advisory Board, I know it is our duty to make sure the University of Alaska understands the demands of our professional industry and that we also take the necessary steps to support and advocate for the essential programs, faculty and facilities at the University. Through the collaborative efforts of many stakeholders across the State working together last year, we were able to convince our legislative body to provide funding needed for the engineering facilities at both UAA and UAF.

I urge you to amend the Capital Budget to provide bridge funding needed to support the growth of the engineering programs and facilities at both UAA and UAF. We not only need more "homegrown" engineers, but more engineers that are produced through our state's educational institutions. As a resource development state, we need to make sure that the sharpest and most astute minds are cultivated to plan, design, build, operate and maintain the critical infrastructure for our state and our nation.

Respectfully,


Richard S. Reich, P.E.
General Manager

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Lynn Palmquist <lynnpalm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 8:36 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Re: Rep Andy Josephson's Amendment

Good evening Ms. Taylor-Thomas,

I am writing you as I have just found out about an amendment attached to the capital budget that would remove funding for the Bragaw North-UMed Access Road. I am asking you to please support this amendment. All of the community councils surrounding the UMed district including the University Area Community Council strongly oppose this road. The community has said loudly and clearly, we do not want this road! Please support this amendment which would remove funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget.

Thank you for your time,

Lynn Palmquist
2218 Alder Dr
Anchorage, AK 99508
(907)277-4847

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Paula Williams <akequinox@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 8:45 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Bragaw Northern Access Road

All community councils surrounding the UMed district including the University Area Community Council strongly OPPOSE this road.

The community has said loudly and clearly, we do not want this road. Please remove the funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget.

Paula Williams
1910 Shadetree Cir
Anchorage 99502

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Harmony Roll <lotushcl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:02 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: No to UMed Access Road

I am one of the residents surrounding the UMed district, and I strongly OPPOSE this road. Please remove the funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget.

Harmony Roll

Anchorage Outdoor Family Network
Taiga Trekkers

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Diana and David Evans <galed3e3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:04 PM
To: Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Andy Josephson; Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Remove U-Med North Access funding from budget
Attachments: RPCC 2013 01 14 UMED Resolution.pdf; RPCC 2011 11 14 UMED Resolution.pdf; RPCC 2009 05 UMED Resolution.pdf

Please remove U-Med North Access funding from the Capital Budget.

In 2009, 2011, and 2013, the Rogers Park Community Council passed resolutions (attached) opposing this road and pointing out serious flaws in the planning studies.

We oppose it, too, for all of the reasons listed in the resolutions.

David and Diana Evans

2518 Galewood St.

Anchorage, AK 99508

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Robin Bronen <rbronen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:36 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: remove U-Med Access Road from capital budget

Dear Representativef Taylor-Thomas:

All community councils surrounding the UMed district including the University Area Community Council strongly OPPOSE this road. With less oil revenue the state needs to conserve funds. Please remove these funds from the budget.

Robin Bronen

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Dave Wolfe <timberwolf.dave@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:52 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Capitol Budget Amendment testimony

I am writing in support of Rep. Josephson's amendment to reduce the size of the Capitol Budget by removing funding for the Bragaw North/Elmore extension/U Med Access Rd.

The increased traffic this thoroughfare would bring to the existing Bragaw Street by a major area high school and elementary school, Hope Cottages, and residential areas is unsustainable. The existing road that connects to the Glenn Highway is too narrow and constrained by development to support the speed through-traffic will be inclined to travel at. The road extension would bisect and disrupt international-caliber ski trails used by the Olympic and World medaled APU Ski Team members, a National Treasure. Funding of this road extension will prove a danger to drivers and to the students attending East High and Russian Jack Elementary, necessitating future expenses for widening connecting roads and for additional busing and/or pedestrian overpasses.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Dave Wolfe, U-Med District Resident

2218 Alder Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508 Ph 907-277-4847

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Rebecca Wolfe <lieselrw@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 10:16 PM
To: Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Andy Josephson; Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Bragaw North - UMed Access Road

I recently completed a research paper on UMed District vehicle, pedestrian, and recreational patterns in light of proposed roads. Given my research, I STRONGLY OPPOSE any road in this area.

Please remove the funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget.

A nearby resident and college student,
Rebecca Wolfe

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: ginger spohr <gingenet@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 10:18 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Bragaw North - U Med access road

Please listen to the people of this community. This is our neighborhood that is potentially going to be cut in half!

"All community councils surrounding the UMed district including the University Area Community Council strongly OPPOSE this road.

The community has said loudly and clearly, we do not want this road. Please remove the funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget.

Thank you,

Ginger and Tucker Spohr
3033 Alder circle
Anchorage, AK 99508
907-277-3117

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Suzann Speckman <speckman@uw.edu>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 10:20 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: No road

Dear All,

Our community does not want a road pushed through from Bragaw to Elmore. Our neighborhoods have spoken out against this road through our community councils. We do not want this road. Please remove the funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget.

Thank you.
Suzann Speckman
2704 E 20th Ave.
Airport Heights

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Mark Houston <houston.mark@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 10:29 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: NO Bragaw St. Extension

Please,

All community councils surrounding the UMed district including the University Area Community Council strongly OPPOSE this road.

The community has said loudly and clearly, we do not want this road. Please remove the funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget.

Mark Houston
houston.mark@gmail.com

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Peggy Dial <peggydial@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 10:38 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas

Please do not fund the north Bragaw extention as it will fracture on of the few large open spaces left in Anchorage.

Roman and Peggy Dial
1583 Garden St
Anchorage AK 99508

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Barbara Garner <bebg42@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:10 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Northern Access (Bragaw North/U-Med Access)

TO: Louise Taylor-Thomas

FR: Barbara Bishop Garner
2814 East 42nd Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99508
bebg42@me.com

RE: **Bragaw North/U-Med Access Road**

Remove funding for this project.

Residents in the U-Med District do not approve a road dissecting the educational campuses. This was defined in the **U-Med District Framework Master Plan**, adopted October 2003 by the Anchorage Assembly.

The 2003 document promoted the District was to remain whole, not segmented. Currently, this document is being updated by a contracted Outside group! Thus, funding for a project is premature.

As well, I have a lengthy list compiled by University Area Community Council members a few years ago that defines reasons for not constructing a road between the two universities.

I urge any funding for this project be denied at this time!

-bbg

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Carol Wiggins <cjwiggins@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 5:20 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Capitol Budget funding for UMed Access road

Louise Taylor-Thomas

As 20 year residents of the UMed area, my family and I have joined with all surrounding UMed community councils to oppose the UMed Access road. Please remove funding for this access road from the Capital Budget. Thank you for considering the negative impact this access road will have on one of Anchorage's most incredible urban treasures.

Carol Jane Wiggins
3740 Wesleyan Dr
Anchorage, 99508
907-229-0726

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Ann Rappoport <agrappoport@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:32 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Mike Hawker
Subject: Please remove funding for a UMed Access Road from the Capitol Budget!!

Dear Legislators -

Please remove funding for a Bragaw North - UMed Access Road from the Capitol Budget!!! All community councils surrounding the UMed district including the University Area Community Council strongly OPPOSE this road.

The community - particularly the most affected community - has said loudly and clearly, we do not want this road! In a time of declining budgets, there is no need to spend such sums on a road that is not wanted nor needed by the community!

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,

Ann Rappoport
17053 Aries Court
Anchorage, AK 99516

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Peter Mjos <torsk@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:54 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: U-Med Bragaw access

Dear Ms. Thomas,

As past president of the Rogers Park Community Council we have on two separate occasions unanimously passed resolutions strongly opposing the Bragaw extension.

Every Community Council surrounding the U-Med district has also passed resolutions opposing this project. In the current U-Med planning process many other options are being explored, involving

several engineering groups and a large cohort of concerned citizens. The proposed twenty million dollar is unwarranted at this time.

Thank you.

Peter Mjos, MD

Past president,

Rogers Park Community Council

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Sheri Whitethorn <mrbojangles@alaska.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 7:57 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Remove funding to U-Med Access Road from Capital Budget

Greetings to All Concerned:

Most residents in and around the U-Med district here in Anchorage strongly OPPOSE the proposed Bragaw North - U-Med Access Road project. Please remove the funding for this road from the Capital Budget.

Thank you, Sheri Whitethorn

U-Med area resident

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: helendn@alaska.net
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 8:05 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Andy Josephson
Subject: please delete "Northern Access" aka as Bragaw & Elmore, thru U Med from Capital Budget

Dear Legislators

Please support Representative Andy Josephson's amendment to remove the funding for the "Northern Access" (Bragaw/Elmore) through the University.

All of the area's Community Councils are opposed to this project. Let the public process that is ongoing with the U Med plan continue. This is a quiet back door way around the public. We cannot afford this road and we do not really need it. On top of that engineers say that \$20 million is not enough money to build the road right, given the wetlands and given the extensive trail use. In winter I regularly park at Goose Lake and use the APU trail system from that parking lot, crossing the right of way twice each day, in different locations. PLEASE DELETE THIS FUNDING!!!!

Helen and Gayle Nienhueser
2561 Lovejoy Drive

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Dawn Scott <sos@alaska.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 4:28 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: UMed Access Road

Please vote to remove the Umed Access road from the capital budget. It is not desired by the surrounding neighborhoods, it has been very much opposed every time it has come up at our community council meetings.

Dawn Scott

SOS

907.223.4001

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Robyn Lauster <robynkcl@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 4:18 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: UMed Access Road

I have spoken with a friend who has long lived in the UMed area, and he reports to me that all community councils surrounding the UMed district, including the University Area Community Council, strongly OPPOSE the proposed Bragaw North UMed Access road.

The community has said loudly and clearly that they do not want this road. I support them in this. Please remove the funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget.

Breaking up neighborhoods is detrimental to communities.

Thank you

Robyn Lauster
3003 W. 32nd Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99517

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Ruth Sheridan <ruth.sheridan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 4:08 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Remove funding for Bragaw North-UMed Access Road

I live close to the U-Med District and oppose building the Bragaw North UMed Access Road. Please remove the funding for this project from the Capital Budget.

Thank you,

Ruth Sheridan
4704 Kenai Ave.
Anchorage

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: David Peltó <dpja1980@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 4:07 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson; Louise Taylor-Thomas
Cc: Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Bragaw North UMed Access Road

Representatives,

The access road is opposed by all the surrounding neighborhood community councils. As a resident of Campbell Park Community Council I also am against such expansion. Please support the amendment to REMOVE funds for the project.

Thank you for your service to our state.

David Peltó
4770 Grumman st.
Anchorage, Ak. 99507
907-339-1980

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: JASON BUTLER <tuffys@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 2:13 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: IRe: testimony re: Bragaw extension

----- Original Message -----

From:
"JASON BUTLER" <tuffys@gci.net>

To:
<louise.taylor.thomas@akleg.gov>

Cc:

Sent:
Sun, 14 Apr 2013 13:42:48 -0800
Subject:
testimony re: Bragaw extension

My name is Tod Butler, President of the Tudor Area Community Council. My council and I are vehemently opposed to any money being put into the budget for any form of the Bragaw St. extension. The public has been adamantly opposed to this and to try to slip this in at the last minute without full public notice and input is another example of the total disregard and insult for the public process that this legislature is being made famous for

Tod Butler, President
Tudor Area Community Council

Louise Taylor-Thomas

From: Carolyn Ramsey <b747mx@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 3:08 PM
To: Louise Taylor-Thomas
Subject: Fwd: Capital Budget: UMed Access Road

The UMed Access Road would adversely affect my property values. Our Airport Heights Community Council had continually opposed this road and so have all surrounding Community Councils.

Please remove funding for the UMed Access Road from the Capital Budget. Our community has spoken loudly and clearly. WE DO NOT WANT THIS ROAD!

Thank you,

Carolyn Ramsey
1519 Columbine
Anchorage, Ak 99508

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KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICEEmail: Kenai_LIO@akleg.gov

Phone: 907-283-2030 / Fax: 907-283-3075

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Linda Swarner
REPRESENTING: Kenai Peninsula Foodbank
BILL # or SUBJECT: SB 18 Capital Budget
COMMITTEE: House Finance **DATE:** 4-14-13

I support the Food Bank of Alaska's request and inclusion of \$600,000 in House CS for CS for Senate Bill #18.

Transportation improvements will help us acquire food on the Kenai Peninsula in a speedier manner.

Thank you,
Linda Swarner
Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:	<u>Sara Gould</u>	
REPRESENTING:	<u>Hope Community Resources</u>	
BILL # or SUBJECT:	<u>SB 18 Capital Budget</u>	
COMMITTEE:	<u>House Finance</u>	DATE: <u>4-14-13</u>

To our Legislators:

Hope Community Resources provides a small recreation center on the Kenai Peninsula for those who have disabilities and community members, together. It is quite successful but has outgrown its current building. Although a significant amount of money has been raised to build a larger facility, additional funding is desperately needed for its success. Please consider granting the request for this great addition to our community.

Thank you,

Sara Gould

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:	<u>Grace Merkes</u>	
REPRESENTING:	<u>Sterling Community Center</u>	
BILL # or SUBJECT:	<u>SB 18 Capital Budget</u>	
COMMITTEE:	<u>House Finance</u>	DATE: <u>4-14-13</u>

Thank you Chairman , Co-Chair and the rest of the Finance committee for this opportunity to speak. For one minute let me tell you what we have done in Sterling by building the Sterling Community Center located in District 28:

Our project is near complete but we still need about \$300,000 to make the Center functional. We have received some funding from the State and also the Rasmuson Foundation to build this 13,500 sq. ft. Community Center and want to thank you for that. It has in-floor heat, a fire suppression sprinkler system, an air exchange system, first class wiring for all the technology in the world, boys and girls showers, storage rooms a ¾ size gym, a computer library/conference room and a DEC approved kitchen. With the money we received, hundreds of hours of volunteer time and reduced prices on sub contractor bids, we now have a nearly completed \$2,000,000 Center that we have built for \$1,100,000. We still need about \$300,000 to put in a security system, buy equipment, pave the parking lot, and to pay off the bills for some work completed.

As we understand one of the requirements from the Governor is that Capital Funding for this year should be for nearly completed projects and that is what we have.

Thank you for listening.

KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICEEmail: Kenai_LIO@akleg.gov

Phone: 907-283-2030 / Fax: 907-283-3075

WRITTEN TESTIMONY**NAME:** Holly Scott**REPRESENTING:** Hope Community Resources**BILL # or SUBJECT:** SB 18 Capital Budget**COMMITTEE:** House Finance**DATE:** 4-14-13

To the Honorable Alaska House,

I thank each of you for your investment of time and dedication for the people of Alaska.

There are many individuals that experience disabilities that are unable to voice their appreciation or express their desires.

Hope Community Resources, Inc. has advocated for those without a voice. They have continually demonstrated fiscal responsibility with funds given by the State of Alaska.

I am in full support of the capital grant requests made by Hope Community Resources, Inc..

I urge your continued support of these requests.

Sincerely,

Holly Scott



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House Finance

Committee name

Committee on

SB18 Cap. Budget

dated

April 13, 2013

Bill/Subject

Dear Honorable Chairman Bill Stoltze and House Finance Committee Members:

We respectfully ask if you can please insert funding into SB18 to accomplish the acquisition of the foreclosed property, current held by Mat Valley Federal Cr. Union, for Valley Performing Arts. As you know the request to the Legislature is a fraction of the total cost of the project. If VPA can secure the highly visible location on the Parks Highway, we in the private sector, can raise the other funds for this Community asset.

Many kids use the VPA theatre. Our three children all had significant experience on stage which has helped their "well rounded education" toward being accepted in the nation's best colleges: US Naval Academy and US Air Force Academy. Children learn significant confidence life lessons from the opportunities of community theatre.

VPA desperately needs a new community theatre for the booming popularity in the Mat-Su Valley. Please consider the VPA request.

Thank you and sincerely, Dan & Janet Kennedy

Signed:

Dan Kennedy
Testifier

Dan F. Kennedy

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Address

Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

HOUSE FINANCE

Committee name

Committee on SB 18 CAPITAL BUDGET, dated APRIL 13, 2013

Bill/Subject

Dear Honorable Chairman Stoltze and House Finance Committee Members:

I respectfully request that you include the funding request by Valley Performing Arts in SB 18. The requested funds will allow VPA to purchase a dated, foreclosed property and convert it into a new performing arts center that will enrich the lives of those that live in our community. The renovated structure will become a new facility that will enhance the arts community in the Mat-Su by providing better facilities for youth activities such as summer theatre arts programs, children's theatre, and after-school drama programs. The new center will allow more opportunities for quality live theatre production, concerts, art exhibits, and community gatherings. As more businesses look to expand to our area, quality of life issues become more important - a new performing arts center will become a key attractor for families wishing to live in a community that is healthy, wholesome and builds a more rounded population. On a more practical note, investing the minimal amount needed to purchase the building (\$1.7M) will immediately produce a return on investment of over \$1M. The most recent appraisal of the property valued it "as is" at \$2.8M - a purchase price of \$1.7M immediately creates equity in the property of over \$1M. To build a new 20,000 sq. ft. structure would cost approximately \$400+ a square foot (not including land costs) for a total cost of in excess of \$8M, bringing the total new construction estimate to over \$10M. The purchase and remodeling of the existing structure is a sound business decision with the added advantage of meeting the needs of our growing community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed:

Garry Forrester
Testifier GARRY FORRESTER

VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS

Representing (Optional)

251 W. SWANSON WASILLA, AK 99654

Address

373-0188

Phone number

Joint Resolution from the Napaskiak Tribal Council and City of Napaskiak

Resolution # 2-21-13

Joint Resolution asking the Governor of the State of Alaska and the State Legislature to Appropriate Funds to Replace Existing Generators in Napaskiak, Alaska.

Whereas, The City of Napaskiak is recognized by the State of Alaska as a Municipal Government, and the Napaskiak Tribal Council a Federally recognized Tribe, both recognized as legitimate Governing Body's that supports community members in all aspects of their self-determination, health, safety, and well being, do hereby submit a Joint Resolution on behalf of it's community members, and

Whereas, on February 7, 2013, 2:00p.m. , the Community of Napaskiak experienced a power outage jeopardizing the health, safety, and welfare of the Community, and

Whereas, during the power outage the Community members of Napaskiak were proactive preventing loss of life, major freeze up damages from occurring in homes and facilities, and worked together as a Community sharing portable generators to help heat homes, rotating shifts to monitor generators, provide woods to elderly disabled Community members to heat their homes, and most of all worked together to prevent loss of life and property damages from occurring, and

Whereas, only 1/3 of the homes had electricity for six (6) days with a small generator while repairs were made to the larger generator that could give electric power to the whole Community, and

Whereas, on February 12, 2013 on or about 9:00p.m.the whole Community was with electricity after repairs were complete, and

Whereas, the Community of Napaskiak still has concerns for future power outages do to the present conditions of the generators, and

Whereas, the State of Alaska and the Alaska Energy Authority has funded multi-million dollar energy projects in the urban parts of Alaska,

Whereas, the Community of Napaskiak's needs for new generators are just as important as powering and subsidizing projects for urban city's, and

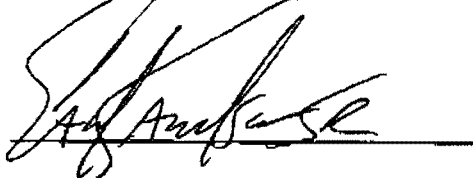
Whereas, rural Community such as Napaskiak pay much higher kilowatt per hour charges since they are not subsidized by natural gas, hydro-electric, wind energy,

and bio-mass energy but only receive power cost equalization from the State of Alaska, and

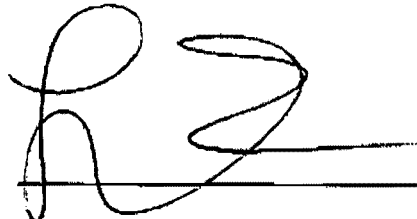
Whereas, the Community members of Napaskiak do not deserve to live their lives nervously for the next power outage, and

THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNOR OF STATE OF ALASKA AND THE STATE LEGISLATURES, appropriate funds to up-grade and replace current generators as soon as possible to help improve the lives for the Community Members of Napaskiak and also give directives to the Alaska Energy Authority to, provide professional services and improve technical assistance/services to all rural electric utilities in the State of Alaska.

Signed this 21st day of February, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ang Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

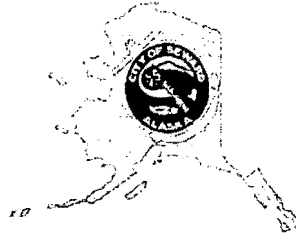
Napaskiak Tribal Council

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of large loops, written over a horizontal line.

City of Napaskiak

CITY OF SEWARD

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March 26, 2013

Honorable members of the 28th Alaska Legislature House and Senate Finance Committees,

Much has been accomplished since the Legislature funded \$400,000 to study the feasibility of home porting the Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) Community Development Quota (CDQ) fleet in Seward. CVRF had selected Seward as the ideal place to in Alaska to bring their fleet home to from Seattle if we could provide sufficient moorage.

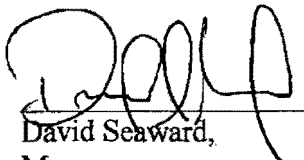
The studies have been completed, the feasibility is solid, and the initial planning and design work is complete. In the meantime, CVRF's fleet has grown, and other customers have also found Seward well suited to their purposes and require more moorage space for their operations. Most notably, oil and gas prospects in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas have brought a fleet of exploration and support vessels to Alaska that require the same sort of moorage facilities and support services as the CDQ fleet. Some of the vessels in that fleet have wintered over in Seward and other ports in Alaska, and more are planning to make Seward home for the long-term. Seward provides our new customer base necessary road, rail and air access. It has become imperative for Seward to provide adequate facilities for these corporations in order to eliminate their annual transit to the lower forty-eight ports for the repairs, maintenance, goods and services.

We are excited by these positive paralleling developments and continue our efforts to provide the balance of services and trained workforce ensuring that the leading job opportunities are filled by Alaskans. We are collaborating with the Department of Labor and regional economic development organizations to establish a job and economic development forum to address all aspects of the CVRF marine service needs. The City of Seward is in the process of partnering with the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) as a vehicle for business development and financial planning appropriate for the fleet's needs. The vehicle for this partnership is a pre-development agreement designed to outline AIDEA's role in coordinating the public and private elements of the proposed harbor development. The voters of Alaska approved the statewide transportation bond package that included \$10 million dollars for Seward's port project. This compliments and improves upon the \$30 plus million dollars invested by general obligation bonds paid by local taxpayers for the existing operating infrastructure.

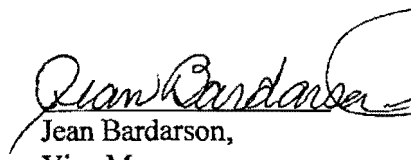
The state bond funding will complete the engineering and permitting work. It will establish the contract fee for AIDEA's services and fund the first extension to the existing but unfinished breakwater in order to enclose the mooring basin. We are asking the Legislature for \$17.9 million to complete the necessary breakwater as the initial phase of the port expansion. With that work done, we will be able to immediately moor vessels and generate operating and maintenance revenue. Once the initial operations are underway, we will be prepared to plan for the eventual build-out within the basin and establish a cost and funding proposal for that work.

We believe this explanation clarifies our request and provides a complete picture of this project to date. The City cannot overstate the significance of this sustainable economic development project that will benefit the entire Gulf Coast of Alaska for decades.

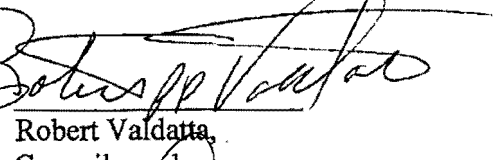
Respectfully yours,




David Seaward,
Mayor



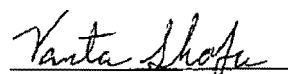
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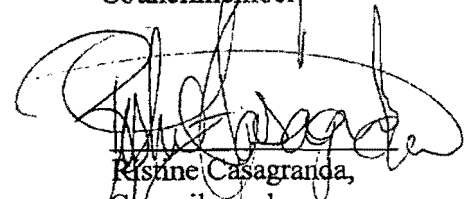
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My name is Grant Baker. I am from Anchorage
I was an engineering professor for 25 years and was
the lead for creating several new engineering programs
at UAA that resulted in the tripling of enrollment
over the past few years. I am a licensed professional
engineer and I've continued working with the K12
schools to establish engineering academies and other
STEM programs that help better prepare students
for college. So I want to thank the committee
members for supporting the K12 STEM programs
and the engineering buildings. Your support
ultimately means that billions of dollars in
ongoing projects will stay in Alaska and new
projects will be attracted to Alaska because
a stronger homegrown engineering workforce
will be available here. Thank you.
