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To: LIO Mat-Su; House Finance Legislation
Subject: Public Written Testimony for SB 119

For the 9am House Hearing on SB 119 on Easter

Honorable Legislatures,

I would like to once again ask you to please provide funding for all of the public library projects that have been vetted by their communities, the Foraker Pre-Development program, the DCCED, and have the matching 50% funds in place.

Imagine my dismay reading through the latest version of the capital budget on Easter morning, as my three year old was excitedly going through his Easter basket to see that there was no funding included for Nome, Thorne Bay, or Coffman Cove and only 1.7 out of 8.2 million ask for the Wasilla Public Library, especially knowing that several of the projects included in the Capital budget have not undergone the rigorous public process to make sure that they are right sized and sustainable that all of these public library building projects have.

In Wasilla, we have been working on a new library building for over 20 years, and have provided library service to the greater Wasilla area for over 75 years. Our current building was built in 1978 and deemed too small in 1995. We have almost 100,000 visitors a year and 18 parking spaces. The project benefits almost 30,000 people, yet the appropriation is \$1 million less than the Talkeetna Public Library received, which serves about 4,000 people.

Please support these public library construction projects, and honor the process that you all spoke so highly of when the Library Ladies met with you in your offices the end of February. As an Alaska Resident and voter, and would like to *all* projects going after state funds undergo a similar process.

Thank you for your time, and for working on Easter,

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From: Angella Long <atlong@mtaonline.net>
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Subject: Capital Budget - Wasilla Library

Please, please consider funding the Wasilla Library request. We, as a community, have committed ourselves financially to building a new library through a sales tax increase. This is a valuable capital project and needs support from our legislature. Friends of the Wasilla Library has been working tirelessly for more than 25 years toward a new building. Please help us make it a reality.

Angella Long
Wasilla Resident

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