



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

**Community Development  
Recreation and Library Services  
TALKEETNA PUBLIC LIBRARY /  
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**  
PO Box 768, Talkeetna, Alaska 99676

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To Whom it May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to write a letter of support for the Northern Susitna Institute. This community is in great need of additional resources for education, job training, and community building. The Talkeetna Public Library/Community Resource Center is struggling to meet these same needs, and we deeply value and appreciate the work the Northern Susitna Institute does, and the ability to collaborate with an organization that so closely matches our own mission of community building and lifelong learning.

The Folk School initiative has the potential to become a state-wide or even nationwide resource for teaching skills that are hard to come by as well as making NSI self-supporting. Skills such as log building, basket making, blacksmithing and the like are taught in very few locations throughout the nation. The CEAL academy, Classroom with a View, and Talkeetna Build-a-plane, all of which are also under the NSI umbrella, provide unique educational opportunities to our rural area.

Furthermore, the fact that NSI has worked to incorporate several non-profit efforts under one umbrella is an exemplary move to benefit a small rural community which already hosts over 20 nonprofit organizations.

For all these reasons and many more, on behalf of the Talkeetna Public Library/Community Resource Center, I heartily recommend any support you can provide to the Northern Susitna Institute.

Sincerely,

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