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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Carol Makas
REPRESENTING: Girdwood 2020 Bud / Carol B1B
BILL# / SUBJECT: Possibility of removing Troopers from Girdwood
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: 03-06-2015

I would like to state that it would be a huge mistake to remove the presence of the State Troopers from Girdwood.

Girdwood, as most know, is a resort town year round. It is a place where visitors come to play - and play they do. Economically they provide a lot of dollars into the local economy. But this does not come without cost. Just the presence of the State Troopers keeps a curb on behaviors. Our community needs Troopers presence for safety of members of this community!!

Owning a business in the Tesoro Mall to observe the actions of visitors when they know the Troopers are present. The presence of the Troopers provides a feeling of security among shoppers. The Troopers' presence on the Seward Hwy, as well as the Alyeska, keeps locals and visitors abiding the speed limits thus preventing accidents. In addition, if Troopers would ^{be} ~~be~~ called from Soldotna or Anchorage in cases of violence, it would be disastrous.

To cut costs, approach Tesoro, the leasing agent of the office to reduce monthly rent??

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NAME: Diana Stone Livingston
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BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 72 Operating Budget
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: March 5 2015

Strongly oppose trooper force reduction on Seward Hwy and closing Girdwood base office;

- ① Response time to site of greatest action is too long if base is in Soldotna.
- ② Seward Hwy traffic especially between Anchorage and Girdwood/Whittier is expected to increase.
- ③ Seward Hwy is driver of Southcentral's economic engine and must remain dependable and safe for all.
- ④ Trooper presence has made Seward Hwy safer; value of lives cannot be quantified.
- ⑤ Girdwood is an important part of the economic engine for Alaska. Its safety must be preserved.

Thank you