



Lions Clubs International

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RE: HB 304

Dear Alaska Senators and Representatives:

This letter is in support of the Eagle River Lions Park and HB304. The Eagle River Lions Park has been a staple in our community since 1964. It is the largest community center in our area. This is a 40-acre park the community depends on for it use for recreation, tennis, baseball/softball (Knik Little League) and football (Pop Warner). It is rented out for wedding, celebrations of lives, the local schools, or Ducks Unlimited. Since 1964 the Eagle River Lions have managed this park for this community and need to remain in the capacity.

In house it is utilized by the Sleeping Lady Mountain Lions for meetings two times a month, fundraisers for community events such as scholarships for local high school students, fundraisers for community members in need of assistance, Tree of Giving for hundreds of children, Easter for 400 kids, and 3rd of July where 10,000 utilize the park. The Lions of District 49A and Multiple District utilize the building for their meetings for people from Alaska and Canada.

Local Boy Scouts of America are housed in the building and hold their meetings in the clubhouse. They assist many events held at the park.

As a leader in this community since 1987, I see this 40-acre park is paramount to this community and its need to remain in the control of the Eagle River Lions.

Sincerely,

Karen Burns

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