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**To:** [Senate Finance Committee](#); [Rep. James Kaufman](#); [Sen. Roger Holland](#)  
**Subject:** Anchorage Midtown Park Chalet  
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Dear Representatives/Senators - I ask that you approve the request for \$650,000 to partly fund construction of the Midtown Park Chalet here in Anchorage. I've been speed skating at the midtown Midtown Park skating oval since 2017. Having a chalet would allow myself and other skaters to better utilize the Park's skating oval. This is because there is currently no shelter near the oval, and on cold winter days it can be pretty unpleasant to don gear, take breaks, and remove gear. Having the chalet would dramatically improve the usability and use of the existing infrastructure.

The oval is open to all skaters, but it's built to international long-track speed skating standards. I speed skate there both on my own and with the local speed skating club. Recreational opportunities like this are what attract families, professionals, and young people to Alaska and keep them here. I can speak to this personally, because several years ago I had to leave the state after 35 years. Knowing that I could speed skate in Anchorage factored into my decision to move back to the state once I could.

Thank you, and I hope you will approve this funding request. Note that the \$650,000 request is only part of the overall cost. The rest of the money is community-raised. I have already donated some of my own money to this cause.

Sincerely,  
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