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Clay Walker, Mayor

Re: Capital Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

In February, a Denali Borough delegation including myself and Assemblymen Talerico and Evans visited Juneau to forward the borough's legislative requests. We met with eleven different legislators or their aides. Our two requests are modest, focusing on public safety and energy efficiency. Neither request is currently found in SB 119. I urge you to please consider adding the following small projects with large returns:

1. **\$118,000** for a light duty "sprinter" ambulance for Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department. This department serves the residents as well as the over 400,000 visitors. This vehicle would transport the many emergency medical trips of over 220 miles to Fairbanks in a more efficient and comfortable manner, saving the bigger ambulances for response and increasing their longevity.
2. **\$170,000** to plumb the coal boiler heat of Tri-Valley School into the elementary wing, which is heated by fuel oil. An energy audit identified this project and estimated annual savings of over \$90,000. Funding this project results in lasting savings for the Denali Borough School District.

The Denali area is important to the State's overall economy. These projects are priorities because they enhance service to residents and visitors and increase our efficiency and self-reliance.

Thank you for your consideration. And thank you for your service to our State.

Respectfully,

Clay Walker, Mayor