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I'm writing this letter in support of Northern Susitna Institute (NSI), a Talkeetna-based non-profit offering many educational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages. Under the umbrella of NSI several separate learning programs are underway and, with your help and support, they can continue to grow. Having a variety of courses will benefit not only local residents and visitors but can result in an increase in visitors who choose Talkeetna as a destination partly (or wholly) because of the learning opportunities at NSI.

Providing learning outside the institutional environmental for children is beneficial in many ways, and ongoing courses for life-long learning as adults creates a better community for all. The economic stimulus to local restaurants, overnight accommodations and other businesses by those who travel to attend courses through NSI will help broaden Talkeetna's small economy.

Northern Susitna Institute is an organization providing many positive benefits for our community and has widespread support locally, including this local real estate broker and business owner. I have had nothing but positive enriching experiences as an instructor at Alaska Folk School, as a learner in classes, and as an organizer of small events held in the NSI building that would simply not happen if this space was not available to rent to us.

Sincerely,

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Broker