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CITY OF PORT HEIDEN  
PORT HEIDEN, ALASKA 99549

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Senator George Hohman  
P.O. Box 289  
Bethel, Alaska 99559

Dear Senator Hohman,

This is to acquaint you with a serious situation which has been developing here in Port Heiden.

As you may already know, we are experiencing a severe beach front erosion problem. Large tides and storms claim anywhere from 10 to 20 feet of beach each year. This has forced some residents into moving their entire houses away from the beach. In just one storm this year, we lost 15 feet of beach, a house was destroyed, and several other homes are in danger of being damaged.

For the past two years we have been working with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs putting together a realistic program for relocating our city. Unfortunately, due to escalating prices and the high cost of transporting materials, the money we have received wasn't enough.

In order for any site to be suitable grounds for a home electricity must be available. With the money we have received to date we have done that. We have extended our utility service 3 1/2 miles along the main road. Several homes have been relocated along this road. However, due to lack of funds we cannot complete this project.

Working with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs we tried to get funding from the legislature. This was denied. But, with or without funds the danger to homes and to the people here still exist.

