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Hon. Bill Ray  
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Re: Draft bill re residential loans  
administered by regional Native  
housing authorities

Dear Senator Ray:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of February 10, 1982, I am forwarding to you a bill which would make Haines and Skagway rural communities under AS 18.55.997. This amendment recognizes that the road connection between Haines and Skagway is somewhat different than the road connection between other rural communities located in areas of the state other than the southeast panhandle. The Haines and Skagway roads are impassable much of the winter and pass through Canada for a substantial distance. These factors may warrant a change in the law as it relates to southeastern rural communities. I will let you and the legislature be the judge of that. You may be interested to learn of the following population determinations compiled by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for Southeast Alaska communities:

Haines	1,017
Hoonah	799
Petersburg	3,001
Skagway	819
Wrangell	2,345

I have spoken with Harry Goldbar of the Alaska Housing Finance Authority concerning this matter and he has stated that he is anxious to assist you in resolving this and other problems with the definition of the term "rural" in AS 18.

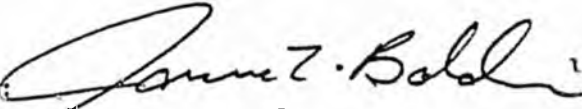
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Please call if I can assist you further.

Sincerely yours,

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