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Dear Senator Jones,

I would like to inform you of the work being done to improve Cabin Lake Road. I have taken on the job of contacting Sen. Kerttula, Rep. Zawaacki and Sen. Szymanski to ask for their assistance in upgrading and improving our road, the means to accomplish this by a direct grant from the state. Here is the information I have provided to them so far.

In 1974 monies were approved for widening and improving Cabin Lake Road, problems arose and these funds were transferred to another location. In 1976 another attempt was made, still nothing was done.

In June of 1988 I began questioning why buses could not come down Cabin Lake Road to get the 30 + children that live in the area and I was told that the Kenai Peninsula School Board did not allow buses to run on Borough roads because most borough roads were not properly maintained year round and were not wide enough for a bus and another vehicle to pass each other.

I contacted Jack Brown the Borough Assemblyman, and he has been helping me to find the means to get funds-a direct grant- to get CLR paved and become a State maintained road. Not knowing how well you are acquainted with CLR I enclosed a map. Cabin Lake Road from No. Miller to Josephine is very close to a mile, there is a 90 degree turn off No. Miller then an immediate left turn to the next 90 degree turn then, 1/4 mile further a sharp 90 degree turn to the right around a power pole. This curve is very dangerous during the winter because cars slide on the ice and miss the curve forcing them into the ditch across the road. Right now it is difficult for oncoming cars to see each other with the snow piled up, and difficult to see children as they walk to and from the bus stop up on the highway. A plan to straighten CLR would eliminate this problem. I have verbal approval from Mr. Warren Enzler that he would dedicate the necessary R/W of his property to be made into a public road. I am also working with DNR to get them to dedicate the R/W of state land for this purpose. This would be the yellow line on the map. So far, DNR has said it would take a year or more for this to go through and not to get our hopes up. Dave Perez is the person I spoke with who told me of the exteme backlog and the long time it would take.

The last 1/4 mile is referred to as the "tunnel". It is the width of the blade of the grader with berms on either side. Cars must wait for each other to travel this road. If one is on the road the other must wait at one end until the other has passed through. Chief Willis can tell you more about this part as he travels this road from his home.

Improving CLR has become a top priority for the Nikiski Chamber of Commerce along with the paving and upgrading of Aurora Heights. These two areas directly effect about 200 + people -voters- and even more people who do use these roads but don't live near or on them.

During the summer increased traffic for the public access on Cabin Lake helps turn the road to washboard within 3 days of grading. I have been told by Jim Connor, No. Rd. Maintenance Dept. that the road bed is of poor material, but the Road Board has no power and the Maintenance has no money to do anything but grade the roads- they can't even fill the potholes all they can do is grade them!

This is not one person wanting a better road- we have even gotten on the Kenai Peninsula Borough priority list- but again the Borough has no funds for roads.

I have spoken with Senator Kerttula and he has said he would work on getting funds, I have been collecting signatures of people who live on or use CLR to petition for improvements. People gladly sign and agree readily that it is a terrible road to drive on most times of the year.

I would like to ask for your support in improving this road for the safety

of our children and our residents.

Sincerely,  
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