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From: [Brenda Johnson](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: \$ for Juneau access
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 7:09:43 AM

House Finance Committee,

I think the \$35 million for the access road should be taken out. It should be put in much more important things. This project is very dangerous. Will destroy animal habitat.

It still is a road to nowhere. A huge waste of money.

Brenda J
Juneau

P. O. Box 155
Talkeetna, AK 99676
4-14-14

House Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska
(letter sent via email)

Dear Representatives:

RE: Alaska's Budget and Spending

I am asking you not to give supplemental funding to the proposed Susitna-Watana dam project. The State has already poured millions into it and the results of the studies may indicate that it isn't a feasible project. Studies during the '80s indicated that it wasn't feasible. AEA hasn't had a great track record as far as projects go, and it looks like this project is no different. Delays in completing studies, and the rush to complete studies in less time than is scientifically warranted, equals flawed results...results that try to fit someone's agenda rather than do the work the studies were intended to do: obtain accurate data. The total cost of the project (all of the costs have not been figured into AEA's estimates: land acquisition, upgrade of the power lines, decommissioning costs, cost over runs) could easily be double the figure that AEA has suggested.

In a time when Alaska's funds are limited, we don't have enough money for 2 mega projects. Alaska needs a natural gas line much more than it needs a dam. It would be money better spent and it would help more Alaskans. It would provide energy for heating, which is desperately needed, as well as electricity. There is already a right of way from the North Slope to the rail belt. A lot of the ground work has already been done. Many studies have already been completed.

Again, please do not give supplemental funding to the proposed Susitna-Watana dam project. The State's money could be better spent on a natural gas line, which would benefit more people. Spend Alaskans' money wisely.

Respectfully,

Cathy Teich
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14 April 2014

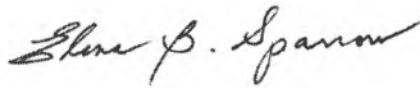
To : House Finance Committee, Interior Alaska Delegation Members, and
All Alaska Legislators

Through the: Fairbanks Legislative Information Office
1292 Sadler Way Suite 308
Fairbanks, AK 99701

This is a letter of support for the "Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production" (BAKLAP) project. BAKLAP through its Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) component has engaged numerous K-20 students in Alaska has greatly enhanced STEAM education and has reached Alaska community members. I am greatly involved in STEM education and know of the many educational and community benefits BAKLAP has provided. Among them is BAKLAP's providing a much needed service of increasing interest and hands-on experience in STEAM education to K-12 students in schools where the emphasis has been mainly on mathematics and reading. I strongly urge the House Finance Committee to put the BAKLAP funding back in the Capital Budget and all Alaska legislators to approve it. BAKLAP needs this funding for its crucial work to reach even greater numbers of Alaskan students and communities.

Thank you for your help on this matter and for the important work you all do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elena B. Sparrow".

Elena B. Sparrow
1127 Park Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709]
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From: [Joni Scharfenberg](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Aacd funding
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 7:56:20 PM

As one of 12 soil and water districts statewide, the Fairbanks district works with private landowner natural resource issues. Fswcd needs Aacd funding as match and administrative costs to be able to utilize the hundreds of thousands of dollars it receives from private and federal funders towards agriculture, soil, water, forestry, mining, energy, invasive weeds, and education programs that benefit Alaskans. please consider funding Aacd as requested to continue the private landowner needs that soil and water districts address. Thanks for your support. Joni scharfenberg Fswcd coordinator

Sent from my iPhone

I, Melissa Sikes, am testifying in support of the BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production) program and urge you to put it back into the capitol budget.

As a Natural Resource Education Specialist for the Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District, I wholeheartedly believe that the BAKLAP program is an essential program that provides support and training for teachers to teach about Boreal ecology. Hands-on experiential science is a vital component of student success and this program is an essential part of learners being engaged in this type of quality education.

The BAKLAP program helps students to acquire knowledge of natural processes and develop skills for understanding and addressing issues related to Boreal ecology. Acquiring natural resource and environmental literacy depends on children going outdoors to experience and interact with nature on a regular basis. The type of education BAKLAP supports is helping students to build critical thinking skills. It encourages students to question, investigate, hypothesize, interpret, and analyze data and to develop conclusions about pertinent and relevant real world problems.

This type of education helps students to develop the critical thinking skills they need to understand the complexities of ecological issues and to understand how to use our valuable state natural resources wisely and to learn how to maintain them for future generations.

Please continue to support BAKLAP at the state level with budget inclusion.

Sincerely,
Melissa Sikes
Natural Resource Education Specialist
Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District.

April 14, 2014
Watershed School
4975 Decathlon Ave
Fairbanks, AK 997091

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a Kindergarten teacher in Fairbanks in support of funding for BAKLAP. I teach at the Watershed School and been lucky enough to work with this wonderful program and amazingly experienced staff for several years now.

I feel that my students have been very privileged to have the opportunities that BAKLAP provided. Over the past few years I have watched each class of 5 and 6 year olds grow and blossom in their science understanding from participating. Each class has had great opportunities to learn first hand through experiments about birch trees. They've had wonderful experiences observing, asking questions, collecting scientific data, doing scientific drawings, analyzing data and making conclusions. In short, they learn to be scientists. In fact, one of the best moments each year is when the students suddenly realize they are scientists!

The staff and graduate students in BAKLAP are such excellent mentors for my students of what a scientist is. Whether it's the very quiet child who now suddenly is talkative and has many science questions, the distant student who is now actively engaged, or the students that now see themselves as scientists and loudly exclaim that as their future career....all of my students lives have been touched by our participation with BAKLAP.

With the help of BAKLAP I feel we can help students become better stewards of our natural world!

Thank you for considering continued funding for BAKLAP.

Sincerely,
Marlene McDermott
Watershed Kindergarten Teacher
Fairbanks, Alaska

April 3, 2014

Dear Senator Kelly,

I am writing a letter of support and commendation for the BAKLAP Program. I recently graduated from the University of Alaska – Fairbanks with a degree in Natural Resource Management. Since that time, I have had the privilege of working with the BAKLAP program in conducting research, facilitating outreach, and participating in education programs with local schools. BAKLAP highlights some fundamental lessons I learned in college – namely the importance of natural resources and our dependence upon them, and the necessity of interacting with, incorporating, and educating the local community. BAKLAP has provided me with the unique opportunity of incorporating what I have learned at UAF into important, real world scenarios.

I lastly want to speak to the importance of biomass in Alaska. As you know, our demands on our environment are changing, particularly with respect to how we heat our homes and use the energy that enables us to live in this wonderful State. In addition, our environment is dynamically changing in ways that we know, and ways that we don't know. As someone who has spent the last several years conducting research in Alaskan forests at the State and federal level, I can attest to the important work that BAKLAP provides with respect to biomass and our State's future.

Senator Kelly, this is a difficult year full of budget demands and constraints. However, I think it is in the State's best interest to see the BAKLAP program through to completion. It has done wonderful things for our State and will continue to do so to its completion.

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Jess

From: [William Johnson](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Capital Budget inclusion
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:24:12 PM

Dear Representatives,

I am a long time resident of Kasilof, a grain and vegetable grower, and one of the supervisors of the Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District.

I am writing you to strongly urge you to include funding for the state-wide Soil & Water Conservation Districts in the up and coming Capital Budget.

I can't impress upon you enough how much agriculture in Alaska has changed in the last twenty years, how dramatically the number of businesses and individuals wishing to "buy Alaska" when it comes to local food has grown, and how dramatically the number of growers and farmers eager to serve them has grown as well.

This year the Federal Government, partially in response to serious drought throughout the western US over the last few years (the current source of most vegetables nation-wide) has stepped up the USDA high-tunnel program across the country so that local areas might better take care of themselves in the face of growing climate-change uncertainties. In the local Kenai conservation district alone 50 new high-tunnel greenhouses have been raised by private individuals now able to grow a wide variety of essential vegetables for themselves and their communities.

This high-tunnel greenhouse program has been substantially enabled, and furthered by the activities local Soil & Water Conservation District boards, one of many services the boards deliver locally to their constituents.

Conventional farming activities, animal, fiber and flower related businesses, have grown up state-wide as well, and for all of those the activities of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts are indispensable. Other examples of essential services provided just this year by the local board, are:

- robust on-going, hands-on conservation education programs in local schools;
- the creation and management of fertilizer cooperatives among local farmers;
- bringing together and furthering the activities of individuals and businesses involved in turning fish waste, a huge un-used resource in the Kenai area, into valuable fertilizer;
- making available essential, but individually costly farming equipment to local growers;
- enabling local farmer's markets and a farm-to-restaurant organization;
- mapping "soils of local importance" and working to identify and protect agriculturally valuable land;
- organization of residents to deal effectively with harmful effects of invasive species (such as the serious consequences of canary grass on valuable fishing streams).

Perhaps over all, the indispensable service provided by the Soil & Water Conservation Districts is the education and networking provided to all those who know that the time when agriculture was not viable in Alaska has long passed.

Thanks for your hard work on behalf of the people of Alaska.

Bill Johnson

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From: [Margaret Foster](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: comments to House Finance committee
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 3:51:39 PM

Hi;

My name is Peg Foster, I live with my family north of Talkeetna in the Chase area for the past 30 years. We depend on the Susitna River for winter transportatio , recreation and our well beings. We are asking you to please not allocate any more funds to the Susitna Wantana Dam Project. The State of Alaska can not afford such a mega project and my family and I can not lose one of the last wild rivers in Alaska.

Thank-you for your time,

Peg Foster
PO BOx 124
Talkeetna, AK 99676

From: [Elsa Demeksa](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Communities In Schools
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 4:53:26 PM

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

I am writing to ask your support for the appropriation request of Communities In Schools of Juneau. I believe that CIS is an effective (and cost effective) way to help prevent children from dropping out of school.

This model brings the resources of the whole community to assist overworked school staff. Communities In Schools care coordinators understand that so much of what happens in the classroom is a result of what is going on outside of school. By addressing children's unmet needs CIS provides the link between educators and the community.

For a very small investment, we can bring caring adults into the schools to provide the link between school and community so teachers can focus on teaching.

Thank you.

Elsa Demeksa, Director
Communities In Schools of Juneau

From: [Lau Tosi](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: East Football Stadium
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 4:55:19 AM

Please help the East Anchorage with their Football Stadium, 2 million for lighting and bleachers would be way be a great investment for the East Anchorage! Not just for the school but also for the community. Our kids deserve what every other high school in Anchorage (except South) has gotten - a new football stadium. East has NO neighborhood opposition and our kids have worked hard to build a good program.

Thank You
Lau Tosi

From: [Steve Henderson](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: East High Football Stadium
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 3:01:35 AM

Dear legislation: We hope that you will consider the need to complete the project started at East High' Football Stadium. The need for lights and bleachers is a need to properly complete the field. Other than South High School fund has been allocated to other High Shools who have their field done and completed. Why should this school be put on the back burner. Please consider these things and approve them to be completed.

Sincerely
Concerned Parent

From: [Tundra Paulsen](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: East High Football
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:14:04 PM

I am asking that the state help fund at least 2 million for lighting and bleachers for East High this would be way better than nothing! Our kids deserve what every other high school in Anchorage has gotten - a new football stadium! East has NO neighborhood opposition and our kids have worked hard to build a good program. Thank you

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Tundra Paulsen
907-830-3503

If your children spend most of their time in other people's houses, you're lucky; if they all congregate at your house, you're blessed. ~Mignon McLaughlin

From: [Clarissa](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: East High School
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:57:44 PM

Your consideration is everything.

Something is better than none at all. Getting a complete upgrade to the field would be a blessing for East High School. Just bleachers and lights to start are just as nice and would be greatly appreciated by the kids, teachers, and everyone in our community who have help build the East High Football Program.

Thank you for listening.

Clarissa Boots

Sent from my iPhone

From: Clvde and Martha
To: House Finance
Subject: East High school
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 10:31:51 PM

My children attend East High School and two million for lighting and bleachers is better than nothing!
Our kids deserve what every other high school in Anchorage have received.

Martha Mendez
907-947-0826

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tami Trotter](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: East Stadium
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:59:46 PM

The money to finish the East High Stadium is NOT funded, please appropriate \$2 million for lighting and bleachers. Our kids deserve what every other high school in Anchorage (except South) has gotten - a new stadium. East has NO neighborhood opposition and our kids have worked hard to build a good program. This truly would be community stadium. It is utilized by the local community, Special Olympics as well as various other sports teams. East High is in the heart of the community and would serve as a great connection point between trails for large x-c running and skiing events as well.

Thank you for your time.

Tami Trotter

14 April 2014

Dear Representative Kawasaki ,

I am writing on behalf the request for funding for the Boreal Alaska—Learning, Adaptation, Production (BAKLAP) project. BAKLAP is an important teaching resource for the Natural Resources Career pathways at Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School, through which our program reaches all facets of science, technology, research, engineering, art, and math (STREAM). With hands-on, skills-based programs such as BAKLAP, we can prepare our students for careers in the Natural Resources pathway, one of the fastest growing pathways today.

Effie Kokrine Charter School opened its doors in 2005 and in 2006 established the first Early College program in the state of Alaska. Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School serves 168 students in grades 7-12. Our population is 60% Alaska Native and 70% of those students are on the federal lunch program. These urban youth are at risk of losing traditional knowledge and with resources like One Tree Alaska and BAKLAP the opportunities for reconnection are limitless.

This year alone, One Tree has devoted one full semester of workshop and STREAM learning experiences for our middle school students. One Tree, students, and Elders discovered the riparian zone of nearby Deadman Slough and produced two art projects that blended Western knowledge with traditional ways of knowing. We look forward to continuing to work with One Tree as we plan and develop nearby Peirce Park into a citizen science park.

Additionally, biomass is one of the most rapidly rising renewable energy sources in the state. Alaska needs to support the research and development of sustainable renewable resources. The future of Alaska will depend on a successful blending of the remaining oil reserves as well as the development of renewable options. We need to instill in our students a sense of responsibility for our natural resources.

While I understand that budgets are tight, I urge you to continue funding this project in order to see it through to completion. Federal funders view state funding to be a non-federal match, which will help allocate more federal funds to our university forestry program.

I urge you to help make natural resource management research, education, and outreach more sustainable in Alaska by approving funding for the BAKLAP program.

Sincerely,

Sue McCullough, Early College Coordinator



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
 Committee on SB 119 Capital Budget / Barnette Magnet Barnette Magnet Dated 4/14/2014 Committee Name
Bill / Subject Phase 4 Funds

We humbly request that you include Barnette Magnet Phase 4 in the Capital Budget. It saves money as it is projected to go from the highest cost school in regards to maintenance and utilities to the lowest cost school after completion. It provides jobs in the current economy. It shows citizens of Alaska that you care about the health and safety of children in our State. It's in line with Gov. Parnell's guidelines of funding projects that have started and needed completion first. It saves taxpayers money if you fund the CIP List through # 4 and then give an additional \$4 million to complete the Project. Unlike you, the citizens don't have a capital fund and an operating fund to use. ~~So if you'd like~~ Therefore, we can't ask the citizens to pay more for public education and building repair. We respectfully request that a motion is made and seconded to add Barnette Magnet Phase 4 capital Budget.

Tammi L Garguli to the
 Testifier
Barnette Magnet Phase 4
 Representing

~~2530 ALLEN ROAD~~ 1000 Barnette St, FBES AK 99701
 Address / Phone Number
 907 750 1466

Thank You.



April 10, 2014

Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99501

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

The Mission of the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) is to safe-guard the economy of the Interior region, increase economic opportunity for the residents and businesses of the greater Fairbanks community, and secure the highest possible quality of life for the residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Today, ruinously high cost of energy and EPA Clean Air non-attainment (PM2.5) represent an existential threat to our community. For this reason, **FEDC asks you to re-include \$2 million in State capital support for the FNSB Wood Stove Change-Out program** as it is one of our community's best, and most successful, immediately available tools for meeting both prongs of that threat.

A direct response to recent years' precipitous rise in fuel oil prices has been a marked increase in the use of wood for space heating. Unfortunately, the climatic and topographic conditions that already made this community highly susceptible to the "arctic smog," have trapped those increasing particulate emissions, making it harder and harder for the community to redress the terrible air quality we experience throughout the winter.

The Wood Stove Change-Out program helps alleviate this "damned if you do, damned if you don't" dilemma. It encourages residents to decommission older, more polluting appliances, and acquire and use newer, cleaner, more efficient wood-burning technologies. It is also one of the least onerous components of the FNSB and State's PM2.5 abatement plan; the other mechanisms, like forced use of low-sulfur diesel or burn-bans, necessarily limit consumer choice and drive up consumer cost.

The likely impact of Flint Hills Resources' operational shutdown will be increased costs for both fuel oil and electricity, the risk of EPA sanction due to non-attainment grows by the day and increased access to cleaner, cheaper LNG to the community (the real solution to the cost-of-energy / air quality dilemma) is still a couple years away: Now is the exact wrong time to defund the only immediate-term program addressing Fairbanks' most pressing challenges.

The Legislature can and should, without strings, appropriate \$2 million to the continuation of the FNSB Wood Stove Change-Out program.

Respectfully,

Jim Dodson,
President & CEO
Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation

From: [Baldwin, Denielle](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Fund East High Stadium
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 1:42:47 PM

Dear Legislators,

I have been a 21st CCLC Afterschool Program Coordinator for the past 14 years, the last six at Mtn. View Elementary. One of the things we teach our students is to look ahead and set goals. We talk to them about preparing for middle school, high school and college. My 21st CCLC students will be attending East High School in the future. How does their future look when the state doesn't even care if they have their own sports stadium? How do I explain to them that all the other schools (South pending) have a stadium, but not their future school? What reason do I give them? It's certainly not neighborhood concerns, because there is none of that. The whole community is in support of a stadium at East. Is this just another example of the disparate treatment they feel every day as Mtn. View students with the "haves" and "have nots"? Being from a high poverty area should not dictate the value of their sports programs and facilities. As ASD students, they should be entitled to the same privileges as all other ASD students. This means have their own stadium at East!

My own two teenagers attend East now, are on the Honor Roll and both play sports. Being a Bartlett grad, it's taken some time to learn to cheer for our old rival, East. What's even more difficult is not being able to cheer for them in their own stadium.

I urge you to appropriate funds for a stadium at East High. For the students there now, and for my 21st CCLC students here at Mtn. View -- future East students. I want them to know that people in government care about their future and want to give them the best! At the very least, please fund \$2 million for lighting and bleachers (and, if you've ever sat on the current bleachers, you would know why!).

Thank you,
Denielle

Denielle Baldwin, Coordinator
Mountain View 21st CCLC

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From: [Benita Washburn](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Funding for East High football stadium
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:26:27 PM

I understand that the state legislature is taking public testimony on the capital budget. I also understand that the money to finish the East High school Football Stadium is NOT funded. As a mother of 2 student athletes at East, this seems very unfair. Our kids at East deserve what every other high school in Anchorage has gotten - a new football stadium. East has NO neighborhood opposition (unlike South Anchorage High and THEY got funding!) Our kids have worked hard to build a good program. This team has kept many kids in school and with passing grades because they want to play football. In the past three years that I've had kids at East, the student involvement and school spirit has increased each year. 2 million for lighting and bleachers would be way better than nothing!

Thank you,
Benita Washburn

Sent from my iPad

From: [Alpha Hawk](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Funding for East High School Football Field
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:09:31 AM

I am a parent with children who attend East High School and I ask that you please place at least 2 million into the budget in order for our school to have a completed Football field with lights and bleachers like the other schools. We have worked hard as a community to keep our community safe and thriving. East is a historical landmark and an significant part of Alaska's past and a greater part of its future. Lights, bleachers, action. For Alaskans future. Thank you

From: [Janet DALEY](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Cc: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Funding for Fairbanks Woodstove Changeout Program
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:12:13 PM

Members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Janet Daley and I am a 15 year resident of Fairbanks. I want to express my deep concern about the withdrawal of capital funding for the Fairbanks Clean Air Initiative Woodstove Changeout program. This program is proving successful and is needed in order for Fairbanks to be successful in meeting the DEC attainment standards. Our family uses properly dried and cured wood in a recently replaced woodstove to provide some of our heat and mitigate our costs. We are committed to doing everything we can to keep emissions as low as possible and believe that the changeout program provides the incentive many need to make that step. A commitment by the Borough and the State to clean air will prevent people from leaving our city and will help bring in investment.

As a former employee of UAF, I support funding for the power plant upgrade. However, UAF serves a state wide community and Interior Alaska programs should not be cut in order to fund this upgrade.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Janet Daley
3875 Geist Rd. #E113
Fairbanks, 99709

From: [Rodney Scott](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Funding
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 7:34:17 PM

As a parent of an East High student funding for lights and bleachers to complete the stadium at the high school would be a very good thing to do for the students and athletes at the school. The kids work hard to compete and the parents support the programs. Other schools in the district have completed stadiums, why not East.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennie Hafele](#)
To: [House Finance](#); [House Finance Legislation](#)
Cc: [Rep. David Guttenberg](#); [Rep. Doug Isaacson](#); [Rep. Eric Feige](#); [Rep. Pete Higgins](#); [Rep. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. John Coohill](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Pete Kelly](#)
Subject: FW: BAKLAP Capital Budget Support Letter
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 12:19:22 PM

Please enter into the record the email below on SB 119 in the House Finance Committee dated 2/14/2014

Jennie Hafele

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From: Jesse Hensel [jesse.hensel@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 11:38 AM
To: LIO Fairbanks; Jan Dawe
Subject: BAKLAP Capital Budget Support Letter

Dear Legislative Information Offices,

I want to make the following comment part of the public record. Please circulate my comment to the House Finance Committee and the Interior Alaska Delegation.

Please continue to fund BAKLAP. I was born and raised in Alaska, but I went out of the state for college and graduate school. In 2010 OneTree invited me to return to Fairbanks to teach art and science to educators and k-12 students. I loved doing germination experiments with students of all ages and teaching sculpture, painting, drawing, weaving and engineering. I was so inspired by the program that I decided to become a classroom teacher myself. I completed a Masters of Education at UAF and now I teach Kindergarten and First Grade at Arctic Light Elementary. I continue to incorporate ideas from OneTree in my classroom and I volunteer for the program. Currently my class is germinating Tamarack, measuring growth, counting leaves, and making scientific illustrations. If not for OneTree I may well have stayed in New York and never have become a teacher. OneTree connects hundreds of students to meaningful art and science (that aligns with and expands far beyond the mandated state standards). Please continue to support this program by including it in the capital budget.

Sincerely,

Jesse Hensel

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From: [Karissee Ackerman](#)
To: [House Finance](#); [Rep. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Rep. Doug Isaacson](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Pete Higgins](#); [Rep. David Guttenberg](#); [Rep. Eric Feige](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Pete Kelly](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#)
Subject: FW: Baklap
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 8:10:45 AM

Please see comments and request below, submitted to the Fairbanks LIO last night. Thank you ,
Karissee

From: Nina Harun [mailto:nharun@mosquitonet.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 10:31 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Baklap

I would like letter is circulated to the House Finance Committee, sent to the Interior Ak delegation and made part of the public record.

Dear Legislators,

Greetings I am an 8th grade student at Randy Smith Middle School in Fairbanks. I am writing to ask you to support the One Tree program that is part of BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production). In seventh grade Jan Dawe of OneTree came into my school and gave us the opportunity to do a long term experiment on birch trees. This allowed the program to collect data but I think that a more important result was that it gave lots of kids at my school the chance to do real hands on science. This was very interesting for us and I was able to do real science. Now I want to be a scientist when i grow up. In addition to this, the program gave me opportunity to learn and talk with scientists during the summer at UAF. I urge to support this program. It has been life changing for me and many others who have volunteered as citizen-scientists. Please continue the OneTree program and the BAKLAP program.

Sincerely,

Joey Harun-DeLong

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From: [Jennie Hafele](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Cc: [Rep. David Guttenberg](#); [Rep. Doug Isaacson](#); [Rep. Eric Feige](#); [Rep. Pete Higgins](#); [Rep. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Pete Kelly](#)
Subject: FW: Citizen Remarks to the AK House Finance Committee at April 14th 2014 Hearing on the Capital Budget
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 1:11:29 PM

Please enter into the record the testimony below to SB 119 in the House Finance Committee dated 4/14/2014.

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From: Don and Carolyn Gray [dcgray@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:04 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Citizen Remarks to the AK House Finance Committee at April 14th 2014 Hearing on the Capital Budget

My name is Don Gray and I live at 399 Hillside Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska. I'm a 43 year AK & Fairbanks resident. If I'd gone to high school here, I would have been in Jeff Cook and Andy Warwick's Lathrop HS class of 1962. I served 8 years on the Alaska State Board of Education and 2 years as vice-president to President Barney Gottstein in 1989-90. The Best reasons for my testimony tonight are my 6-year old twin grandsons who are in kindergarten at the Anchorage school districts' Rilke Schule Charter School for Math, Science and German Language & Culture. They are the reason for my passion.

Chairmen Austerman and Stolze, Vice-Chair Neuman, Sirs and Madams:

Regarding the University of Alaska Statewide Power Plant. Absolutely essential to replace this expired shelf life plant. After 50 years it is done/ended/kaput.
Yes, it is COAL FIRED, but as Dr. Bjørn Lomborg, founder of the *Copenhagen Consensus Center* & professor at *Copenhagen School of Business* cited in his book, *Cool it! The Skeptical Environmentalist's Guide to Global Warming*, (and also in *Great Decisions* / the Foreign Policy Association's 2014 video and group discussion), the "focus ought to be on more cost-effective strategies... (R&D vetted solutions as they are discovered),...rather than attempting today's ineffective and expensive solutions". That means, for now, build a coal-fired plant that is as clean as science can produce at a price we can afford as our current solution. In future, R&D will discover practical ways to obtain clean energy from sources like wind, tidal, earth heat differential produced power, (as at Bernie Kahrl's Chena Hot Springs resort), maybe even solar, at prices we can afford to pay.

You would be irresponsible to let the source of our future wealth, the University of Alaska,

freeze up in the dark and be destroyed. We can't afford the replacement cost. PERIOD.
Therefore, YES--to UA Statewide power unit replacement.

Regarding the 2.5 PPM wood stove replacement program appropriation: it is a laughably tiny cost (~\$125Million???) vs. the economic risk and likely expense. The cost of losing Eielson AFB, potential EPA fines and medical costs for the large percent of Fairbanks, North Pole, Fox and Ester residents who need CLEAN AIR to BREATHE and who CAN'T hold their breath long enough to avoid the carcinogenic smoke is potentially enormous, as well as dangerous/hazardous to health. Again, a No-Brainer. YES--to monies appropriated for continuing the FNSB wood stove replacement program.

Regarding a Capital appropriation for TRS/PRS Debt repayment:

The biggest error came when an inexperienced administration settled the \$2 Billion lawsuit vs. the Retirement Actuary, Mercer, for 25 cents on the dollar ~4 years ago. NYT finance columnist Grechen Morgenstern wrote in December, before the later May/June settlement that Mercer was terribly exposed because of their unsound advice to hold back payments in the mid-1990's when paper stock market profits seemed adequate to fund future state obligations instead of using hard cash revenues. Big mistake by an experienced and expensive trusted advisor, compounded by the legislature's decision not to bring suit using the in house State of Alaska Attorney General, forcing the administration to use expensive Outside (NYC) counsel on retainer which added another \$100,000,000 (\$100M) deducted from the settlement corpus. Governor Parnell is correct to seek large up-front payments to retire the debt obligation as quickly as possible NOW to prevent getting eaten alive by interest payments in just a very few years. Don't believe credit card companies who tell victims to "just make the minimum payment"; in the end, the total bill is always much larger. Therefore, a Third No-brainer. PAY Capital down Now and have lower payment costs later.

Lastly, EDUCATION, in the opinion of many, is truly a CAPITAL COST. If one short funds the Basic Student Allotment, (BSA), FIVE years in a row, the capacity of our economic generator for future skilled labor, innovative management, talented scientists & mechanics, government & private sector skilled employees will dry up. The Legislature has not added funds even for inflation for the BSA since FY2011=four years of no increase in the main source of funds for lights, heat, transportation, books & materials, administrators...and teachers. There exists almost enough money in the hands of your counterparts, the Senate co-chairmen and committee, to add \$404 per BSA unit but great reluctance by them to fund it because of fear of a future without oil income. A justifiable fear if we thought the lease holders will walk away after their leases mature in 2019. Maybe someone else might bid on them? No, those leases don't go up for competitive bid as long as the oil is pumped down the TAPS pipeline. And there is plenty of Higher Cost Oil ready to be exploited into Higher Priced future Markets.

Certainty, as opposed to *Uncertainty*, and the ability to plan, are VITAL in business. Money spent this fiscal year by Exxon Mobil, BP and ConocoPhillips is based on plans made 2,3, 5 years ago, not just a spur of the moment whim because of your tax giveback last year. Oil companies, like oil tankers, don't turn on a dime. They are very very deliberate and very efficient, and with wise management, very profitable.

Thank you.

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From: [Jennie Hafele](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
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Subject: FW: Public Testimony: SB 119 Please add Barnette Magnet Phase 4 Funding to the Capital Budget
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 1:09:04 PM

Please enter into the record the attached testimony to SB 119 in the House Finance Committee dated 4/14/2014.

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From: Barnette Magnet PTA [barnettemagnetpta@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 6:49 PM
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Subject: Public Testimony: SB 119 Please add Barnette Magnet Phase 4 Funding to the Capital Budget

We at Barnette Magnet School thank the Legislators and Governor for helping us to begin our renovation. We are almost done. We have completed 3 phases as well as the planning for the final phase. Phase 4 is the #1 capital priority for our School District and School Board. It is also #4 on DEED's CIP List.

Our parents, staff and community members have sent in testimony, phone calls and emails on why funding this project is important to us. I would like to identify reasons why funding this project should be top priority to you.

By funding this project you would demonstrate to Alaska's citizens that the health and safety of our children is important to you. This renovation will remedy the health and safety issues our students, staff and volunteers endure. It renovated the oldest structure in our district, to bring into compliance with health and safety codes. It also eliminates a structure that is not sound enough to renovate. This final phase has been given emergency status by DEED.

By funding Phase 4, you would also save citizens and the state money. By funding the CIP List through #4 and providing an additional \$4 million to complete Phase 4, you save taxpayers money and spend less state funds to complete this project. If it goes up for Bond the cost will increase. After completion of Phase 4, the efficiencies gained in maintenance and utilities will result in lasting savings for our state. Our school will go from the highest cost school to the lowest cost school in regards to maintenance and utility expenditures. These efficiencies can be studied once Phase 4 is completed and incorporated in future builds across the state.

Also, funding Barnette Magnet Phase 4 falls in line with the Governor's request to prioritize funding for projects underway before funding new projects. If funded the renovation will provide much needed employment for Alaskans.

These are the reasons funding this renovation should be your top priority. We thank you for your past support and are confident you will do the "heavy lifting" necessary to include the funds for Barnette Magnet Phase 4 on this year's Capital Budget.
Thank you for your time and dedication,
Barnette Magnet PTA

From: [Jennifer J. Reed](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: FW: Stop funding the Susitna Dam!
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 7:22:14 AM

Alaska cannot afford to fund the Susitna Dam project. Please stop the over spending.

Jennifer Reed
Fairbanks

From: [Jennie Hafele](#)
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From: **Margo Klass** <margoklass@icloud.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2014 at 3:40 PM
Subject: Support for continuation funding of BAKLAP
To: "house.finance@akledge.gov" <house.finance@akledge.gov>

I am on the STEAM Education Team for BAKLAP and wish to add my voice to others who support the work of BAKLAP and want to see its funding continued.

Why?

...for the large number of students it reaches in our public schools and beyond.
...for the significant scientific contributions it makes to sustainability.
...for the community of learners it generates: students, teachers, scientists, artists, community members.
...for the creativity it infuses into our communities through the collaborations of science and art.

The work of BAKLAP is well underway. It has momentum through established programs and personnel. Please provide continued funding for this important initiative.

Sincerely,
Margo Klass

(Testimony submitted in writing because I am traveling during session. Thank you.)
Sent from my iPad

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From: [Joni Scharfenberg](#)
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Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 7:48:18 PM

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Subject: **North Pole funding**

The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District is the lead organization to be working on the eradication of the invasive aquatic Elodea in Chena slough, Chena lakes, and the chena river. FSWCD requested funding for a partnership with the city of North Pole to help with this project. Please consider funding to assist with this invasive threat to our waterways. thank-you, Joni Scharfenberber FSWCD coordinator

From: [Elizabeth Ripley](#)
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Subject: FY15 Capital Budget priorities from the Mat-Su Health Foundation
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 7:12:13 PM

Rep. Stoltze, Rep. Austerman, Members of House Finance,

At a time when our State budget faces declining revenue, we appreciate how you are prioritizing state capital investments based on their cost and return on investment for Alaska residents. In recognition of your careful budgeting, the Mat-Su Health Foundation advances only four projects for consideration in the capital budget, and all of them are in CAPSIS:

1. \$250K for Pre-Development Program
2. \$500K for Recover Alaska to pilot a one-stop shop to access substance abuse services
3. \$4M for CCS Early Learning, the Head Start provider for Mat-Su and Eagle River
4. \$8.2M for Wasilla Public Library

The Wasilla Public Library and CCS Early Learning projects both graduated from the Pre-Development Program, which is funded by the AK Mental Health Trust Authority, Denali Commission, Rasmuson Foundation and the Mat-Su Health Foundation. The program is administered by the Foraker Group and ensures that capital projects are well-planned, right sized and sustainable. Wasilla Public Library and CCS Early Learning projects both meet these criteria. The \$250K request is to help us with this Pre-Development work.

The MSHF has invested over \$500K in the CCS Early Learning Project. If \$4M is not doable this year for CCS Early Learning, we ask that you prioritize a \$1M appropriation for FY15 to enable them to prep the site and complete the utility work. Thank you

Elizabeth Ripley, Executive Director

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**Written testimony to
Alaska State House Finance Committee
house.finance@akleg.gov
by
Jennifer Gibbins
President, Cordova Chamber of Commerce
April 14, 2014**

Thank you members of the House Finance Committee.

I am Jennifer Gibbins, a local business owner and president of the Cordova Chamber of Commerce.

As Chamber president, I wish to speak to you very briefly today about the economic importance of the Cordova Center project to the community of Cordova.

A bump of 20% or 30% in sales associated with a group coming to town means that a shop owner is in the black. This is vitally important in rural Alaska. It means jobs, kids in school and a vibrant community.

It means local sales taxes for the City to continue to provide services - and it means that the small businesses that our fishing fleet expects when they return for the season, are still here.

And that means those fishermen will continue to fish here - contributing \$44.1 million in ex-vessel income to the State, which equates to \$1.4 million in fisheries tax revenue.

No doubt the Cordova Center will add to the quality of life for our residents, but from the standpoint of the Chamber of Commerce, this is a vitally needed economic development project.

Our goal for the Cordova Center is to keep our fleet here, our local small businesses strong and our economy growing.

We thank you very much for the opportunity to share these thoughts with you today and appreciate your consideration of our funding request in the amount of \$6.5 million for The Cordova Center.

cc: Rep. Alan Austerman
Rep.Alan.Austerman@akleg.gov

14 April 14

Re: SB 119 capital budget

House Finance Committee,

I am a 42-year Juneau resident and small business owner.

Please remove the "Juneau Access (HD 31-32)" project from the Capital Budget, SB 119, because this \$ 35 million project, if funded and executed by DOTPF, would damage Juneau's prospects for:

- a. Remaining Alaska's Capital City;
- b. Becoming a more resilient community, able to withstand the shocks of unpredictable future events.

"The Road" has always been a costly distraction for the people and business community of Juneau, a myth that if only people from Up North could drive to Juneau to influence our state government, we'd be spared the distress of a capital move. Very few would choose to drive to Juneau during legislative sessions, if they could.

Specifically, this \$ 35 million appropriation would:

1. Probably be used to extend the pioneer road beyond Cascade Point, around Berners Bay, toward, or as far as, Kensington Mine.
2. Prolong the delusion, among many Juneau people, that if citizens from elsewhere in Alaska could drive to their capital, especially during legislative sessions, Juneau's tenure as Alaska's Capital would be greatly strengthened.
3. Continue distracting us from investing in capital projects and community design that would make Juneau more attractive, resilient, energy-efficient, sustainable, and visitor-friendly -- a better Capital City and Community in every way.
4. Not be a productive use of state and federal funds. It would not provide a high benefit / cost ratio. It will deprive more worthy projects elsewhere in Alaska of both capital and maintenance funds. We Alaskans are responsible for the wise use of both Alaska and United States treasure; road extension beyond Echo Cove is not a wise use.
5. Provoke envy and resentment among other Alaskans because Juneau has grabbed a share of scarce state and federal transportation funds in its continued foolish pursuit of about \$500 million more, to extend "the road" beyond Echo Cove and Cascade Point to a new dead end and ferry terminal 50 miles further up Lynn Canal. Statewide support for keeping the Capital in Juneau will consequently suffer.

6. Provoke ridicule, within Alaska and beyond, that Juneau has commandeered scarce resources to either:

- a. Build a "road to nowhere", or
- b. Build a road at public expense to benefit a single private enterprise, the Kensington Mine, for the few decades that its ore body will last.

7. Be inadequate for anything other than a pioneer roadbuilding project, which would badly damage the wilderness and recreational values of Berners Bay, and probably to some extent damage its important biological productivity. A pioneer road will not be commercially useful; we would be back for more Juneau Access roadbuilding money from Alaska funds, in many future legislatures.

The complete \$ 500 million "Road" alternative for Juneau Access Improvement would move the ferry terminal 55 miles north, decreasing and discouraging Juneau access, especially for legislators. Only those driving vehicles from Juneau to Haines and beyond will benefit. All others must bear the cost and inconvenience of transportation to and from the Juneau community. Ferry service to the present Auke Bay terminal would probably diminish. Juneau would be less accessible than it is now.

Legislative appropriation for the Juneau Access project before the Supplemental EIS is available from DOTPF is premature and unwise. Is DOTPF withholding the EIS until after this project's inclusion in the capital budget? If so, why? What don't they want legislators to know? We are grateful for DOTPF's expertise in designing and managing transportation projects. But, we need to help them direct their resources, to avoid unintended negative consequences to Alaska, including to Juneau and to other Lynn Canal communities.

Please relieve the people and community of Juneau from the delusion and distraction that "the road" extension north of Echo Cove would somehow anchor the Capital in Juneau, so that Juneau's citizens may instead:

- a. Focus our creativity and resources on making Juneau more attractive, resilient, energy-efficient, sustainable, and visitor-friendly -- a better Capital City and Community in every way, for many future generations. This will help guide us in our recently-launched "Economic Development Plan", initiated by the CBJ Assembly. <http://www.juneaueconomicplan.org/>

- b. Prevent negative feelings toward Juneau, statewide and nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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April 9, 2014

Senator Donny Olson
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Subject: FY2015 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST –Kawerak Cultural Center

Dear Senator Olson,

Kawerak, Inc. is a tribally authorized nonprofit organization whose vision is building on the inherent strength of our cultural values we shall assist our tribes and residents to create a positive future.

Kawerak, Inc. respectfully requests your assistance to include a total of \$1.9 million within the State FY2015 Capital Budget funding for the Kawerak Cultural Center to be included in the City of Nome’s museum/library building. These needed funds will be used together with the Rasmuson Foundation monies to build out the portion that would include Kawerak’s Cultural Center. The Bering Strait Region is the only region in the entire State of Alaska that does not have a cultural center dedicated to the celebration of the three indigenous cultures; Inupiat, Central Yupik and Saint Lawrence Island Yupik.

The representatives from Kawerak’s Regional Conference attendees show a sign of support for the Cultural Center by signing this letter and we encourage your advocacy for funding the Kawerak Cultural Center with allocating \$1.9 million in funding. If you have any questions regarding this matter; I can be reached at 907-443-5231 or you can contact Amy Russell-Jamgochian, Kawerak Cultural Center Project Director at 907-443-4340.

Sincerely,


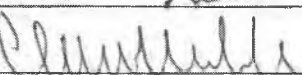
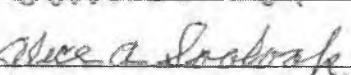
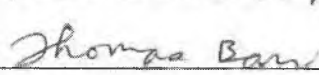
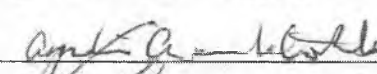
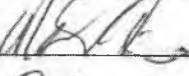

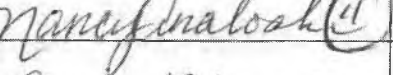
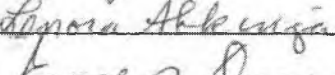
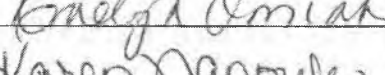
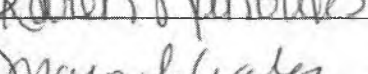
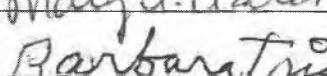

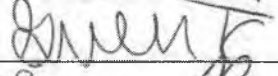

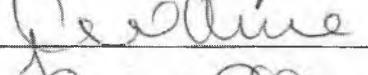
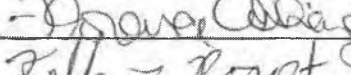
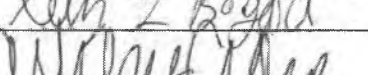
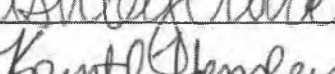
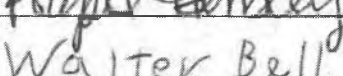

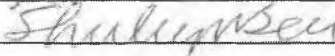


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Dolly R. Kuzmak	Dolly R. Kuzmak	Teller
Rita Hukill	RITA HUKILL	NOME
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Shannon Miller	Shannon Miller	Nome, AK
Robby O'Connor	Robby O'Connor	Nome
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Melba Eyrickson		Nome
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Pellie Amalok	Mellie WEYIANN	Nome
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Clara Evan	Clara Eva	Nome
Dina Sagonick		Nome

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Clarissa Nakak		Nome
Alice A Soolook		Nome
Thomas Barr		Nome
Amelia Amalooch		Frambell
Mertie Koonaka		Gambell
Richard Schulling		Nome/Solomen
Nancy Analook		Nome/King Island
Lenora Ahkinga		R. Diomedes AK
Ernest Omiah		Nome / Diomedes
Karen Nanouk		Unalakleet, AK
Mary D. Charles		White Mtn. AK
Barbara Trigg		Nome, AK
Darlene Trigg		Nome, AK
Gwendalyn Trigg - Komakuk		Nome, AK
Lewis Payne		Nome, AK
Catherine Ahkinga		Nome AK
Florence Ahkinga		Nome AK
Kelly Bogart		Nome, AK
Anley Crane		Nome, AK
Kristal Hendey		Nome, AK
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John Bell		Nome, AK
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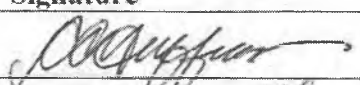
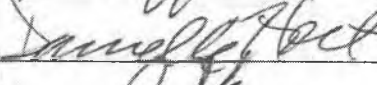
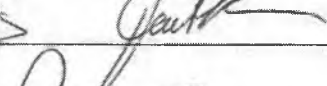


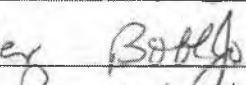
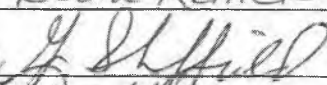

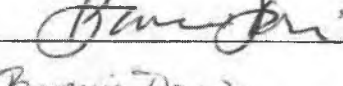
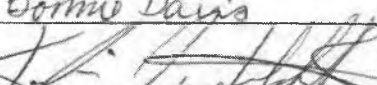
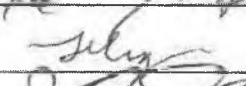
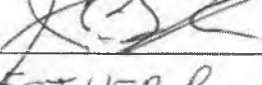


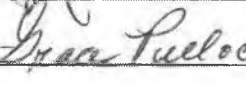

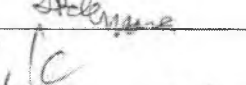
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Lena Danner		NOME, AK
Marissa A Eide		NOME, AK
Anthony Costel		NOME, AK
Amanda Nopakek		NOME, AK
Lloyd Perrin		NOME, AK
JAMES WILHELM		NOME, AK
RON HUFFMAN		NOME AK
Charles Pollak		NOME, AK
WINONA (TULO) HUFFMAN		NOME, AK
Barbara Amaok		NOME AK
Bernice Gray		NOME AK
TOM GRAY		"NOME"
BRENDA RUSSELL Brenda Rubil		NOME
Don. Okraak	DEBBE OKRAAK	TELLER
TERRY KOMONASEAK		NOME AK
Michelle Woods		NOME AK
Josco Weyiouanna		Shishmaref, AK
Jonathan L. Weyiouanna		Shishmaref, Nome AK
Davis	Davis Sockpick	Sh. Ch. AK
Ed Mangwood	Edwin Mangwood	Savoonga

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Richard W. Hawkins	Richard W. Hawkins	Nome AK, 99762
Rose Kozum-clark	Rose Kozum-clark	Nome, AK
BOM METZNER	BOM METZNER	NOME, AK
Vince Pikonganna	Vince Pikonganna	King Island
Betsy Pikonganna	Betsy Pikonganna	Wales
Dwight K. Alkington	Dwight K. Alkington	King Island AK,
John S. Lenata	John S. Lenata	KIA
JOSEPH KUNNUK	Joseph KunnuK	KI
MARY KUNNUK	Mary KunnuK	KI
MATTHEW TIULANI	Matthew Tiulani	
GLENN TUPHUK	Glenn Tuhuk	Nome DE
FRANCO ALVARO	Franco Alvaro	King Island
PNOVAKU	PNOVAKU	Nome
SANDRA T. Tahbone	Sandra T. Tahbone	Nome
Carleton Tahbone	Carleton Tahbone	Nome
Sara Seetot	Sara Seetot	Brevig Msn
Tim Henry Sr	Tim Henry	Brevig Msn
Shauna Seetot	Shauna Seetot	Brevig Mission
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Lucy M Kitchen	Lucy M Kitchen	Wales
Maggie A Komonessak	Maggie A Komonessak	Wales
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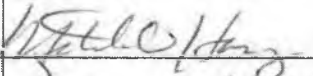
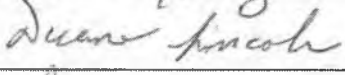
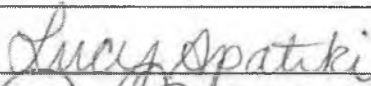
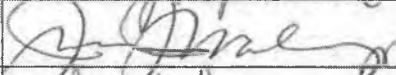
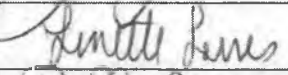



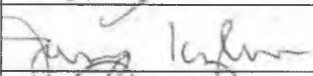

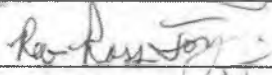
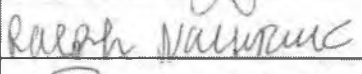
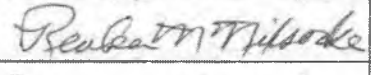
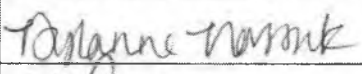
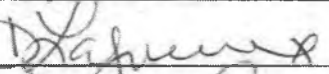



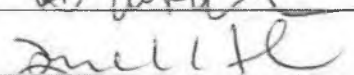
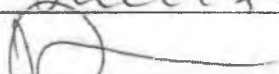
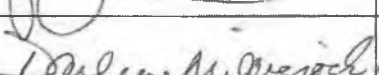
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LARRY SEWETA	Larry Seweta	NOME
Stanley Soogauna	Stanley Soogauna	Nome
Duane Lincoln	Duane Lincoln	Colovin
Toby Anungazuk Jr	Toby Anungazuk	Colovin
Deb Anungazuk	Deb Anungazuk	Colovin
METRONA MAZOUNA	Metrona Mazouna	Wales
Brooke Anungazuk	Brooke Anungazuk	Nome
Mary Kakone	Mary Kakone	Shishmaref
Francis Macoma	Francis Macoma	Shishmaref
Bernadette Alvina Simpi	Bernadette Alvina Simpi	Nome
Michelle Bern	Michelle Bern	Brenty missile
Tim Pehl	Tim Pehl	Unalakleet
Jennifer Marcell	Jennifer Marcell	Nome
Jennifer Kungook	Jennifer Kungook	Savoonga
Sterling Colyzer	Sterling Colyzer	Savoonga
Diane Wangitt, Jr	Diane Wangitt, Jr	Nome
GREGORY TOLIE	Gregory Tolie	Savoonga
Phyllis Wauke	Phyllis Wauke	Nome
Lena Sereadlook	Lena Sereadlook	Wales
Robert A Keith	Robert A Keith	Elim
Harry L. Kaman	Harry L. Kaman	Nome

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Stephanie Fahey	Stephanie Fahey	Nome
Sandra Cano	Sandra Cano	Nome
Jack Cano	Jack Cano	Nome
Charles Kokulok	Charles Kokulok	Nome
Amos Oxereak	Amos Oxereak	Wales
Reuben Oxereak	Reuben Oxereak	Wales
Stacey Mueller	Stacey Mueller	Wales
John Lindula	John Lindula	Elim
Joe Dalton	Joe Dalton	Gambell
Kendra Takak	Kendra Takak	Nome
Silas Takak	Silas Takak	Nome
Kari van Delden	Kari van Delden	Nome
Trisha Walters	Trisha Walters	Nome
Edna Ahnanghaty	Edna Ahnanghaty	Nome
Anna M Moore	Anna Moore	Nome
Barbara L. Ankou	Barbara L. Ankou	Nome
Jisse Adsuna	Jisse Adsuna	Nome
Jennifer Demir	Jennifer Demir	Nome
Gilbert Tockto	Gilbert Tockto	Brevig Mission
Mary David	Mary David	Nome
Roy Asterlitter	Roy Asterlitter	Nome
Jackie Heppner	Jackie Heppner	Nome
MARY Kunnuk	Mary Kunnuk	Nome

Name	Signature	Community
Cathy Mitchell	Cathy Mitchell	FBHS, AK
Pauline Scott	Pauline Scott	Nome
Rebecca Scott	Rebecca Scott	Nome
Diane Scott	Diane Scott	Nome
Cecilia M. Nattanguk	Cecilia M. Nattanguk	Nome / King Island
Carmela T. Nattanguk	Carmela T. Nattanguk	King Island
Barbara Kogassagon	Barbara Kogassagon	Sitting Cr.
Pauline Fagerstrom	Pauline Fagerstrom	Nome
Jackie Hanoff	Jackie Hanoff	Unalakleet
Sugar Line In	Sugar Line In	White mtn etc
Ashley Thomas	Ashley Thomas	Nome
Chad Wilson	Chad Wilson	Nome
Marie Redington	Marie Redington	Nome
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Mary KLOOS	Mary Kloos	Nome, ak
Jon A TRIGG	Jon A Trigg	Nome, AK
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Kellie Williams	Kellie Williams	Nome, AK
Gwen Mueller	Gwen Mueller	Nome, AK
Effie Ahluwalia	Effie Ahluwalia	Nome, AK
Thelma Ahluwalia	Thelma Ahluwalia	Nome, AK
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Con Huffman		Nome
Danielle Holt		Anchorage
Dayne Rosales		Nome
Penelope Punguh		Nome
Bridi Warner		Nome
Kristen Bay		Nome
BOBBI JO Conner	Bobbi Conner	Nome
PM Mikulski	Pearl Mikulski	Nome
Leora Kenick	Leora Kenick	Nome
Gay Sheffield		Nome
Ann M. Davis		Nome
Bruce Davis		Nome
Bonnie Davis	Bonnie Davis	Nome
Karlin J. Itchok		Anchorage/Nome
N. Soudakova		Nome
Johnson P. Eningowuk		Shishmaref
Esther Bourdon	ESTHER BOURDON	Nome
PEARL P. JOHNSON		Nome
John T. Pullock		Nome
Grace Pullock	Grace Pullock	Nome
Morie Sackman		
		
James G. ...		Telluride
Barb Nickels	Barb Nickels	Nome

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Christie Scurby	Christie Scurby	Nome
Olga Downey	Olga Downey	Nome
Barbara Fagerstrom	Barbara Fagerstrom	Nome
Chisana White	Chisana White	Nome
John Biott	John Biott	Nome
Gina Appoloni	Gina Appoloni	Nome
Walter Haacker	Walter Haacker	Nome
Zach Hughes	Zach Hughes	Nome
Anahita Shannon	Anahita Shannon	OME
Robert Benson	Robert Benson	ome
Julie Raymond Yakobson	Julie Raymond Yakobson	Nome
Tracey Barr	Tracey Barr	Nome
Bryant Hammond	Bryant Hammond	Nome
Gwen Krohanski	Gwen Krohanski	Andryge
Luella Ingatunguk	Luella	Nome
Colleen Deighton	Colleen Deighton	Nome
Margaret Johnson	Margaret Johnson	Nome
Stacy Nassuk	Stacy Nassuk	Nome
Dawn Miller	Dawn Miller	Nome
Denise Adams	Denise Adams	Nome
Amanda Ozenna	Amanda Ozenna	Nome
Reva C. Boodwon	Reva C. Boodwon	Nome
Colleen Reynolds	Colleen Reynolds	Nome
Vera Metcalf	Vera Metcalf	Nome

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Luisa Machuca		Nome
Mattie Hardy		SKK
Duane Lincoln		Golovin
Lucy Apatiki		Gambell
Jane Walunga		Gambell
Lnette Torres		Fairbanks
Phillip Brown		White Mountain
Rene Savard		Nome
Matt Savard		Nome
JANIS KOZLOWSKI		Anchorage
Katerina Wessels		Anchorage
Reo Ross Tozzi		Nome
Ralph Nazuruk		Noorvik
Reuben Moses Mixsake		Uuaakteet, AK
Dulanne Nassuk		Nome, AK
Deborah Lagneaux		Nome, AK
Glennette Christian		Nome AK
Donna Ray		Nome
William Genar		Nome AK
Freida ^{Moon} Kimoktook		Nome, AK
Deanna Dior		Nome, AK
Darlene Milligrook		Nome, AK 😊

Name	Signature	Community
Josephine Bourdon	Josephine Bourdon	Nome
Patricia Lillie	Patricia Lillie	Nome, Alaska

From: [H Shepherd CWA](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: No Funding for Susitn-Watana Hydropower
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 1:14:23 PM

The Hon. Members of the House Finance Committee:

The Alaska Senate just passed their budget bill and did not include the \$32.7 million in supplemental funds for the Susitna-Watan Hydro Power project. Now it's the House's turn to work on the budget bill, and the governor will try his best to get them to put the \$32.7 million back in the budget.

With so much need for spending on environmentally sound and productive programs in Alaska there is no room for wasteful spending on economically unrealistic, salmon killing projects like the proposed Susitna dam. Please end the session with a budget that only funds the projects that are important to Alaskans.

Please stop sinking money into the dam!

Hal Shepherd, Director
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From: [joe irvine](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: No more money for a dam on the Big Susitna River
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 4:28:11 PM

House Finance Committee members,

Please do not give any more funds towards a dam on the Big Su.
We already have a serious problem with salmon returns in the rivers & streams of the Upper Cook Inlet and Fish & Game isn't sure why.
Why would you fund a dam that could jeopardize salmon returns until we know why the salmon returns are so bad right now?

We need money for Health & Human Services for needy Alaskans not more money down the proposed Susitna Dam rat hole.

Get a gas pipe line built!

Joe Irvine
po box 139
Palmer, AK

From: [Mike Wood](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: No Susitna Dam Supplemental
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 8:40:32 PM

I am writing to request the House continue to follow the wise judgment of the Senates actions last week and not add supplemental funding for the Susitna Dam back into SB119.

The Senate listened to the people last week and followed through on their commitment to reduce spending. The people have clearly voiced their opposition to Governor Parnell's request to add another 32.7 million dollars toward the Susitna-Watana Mega Boondoggle. I sincerely request that the House Finance Committee follow the Senates lead and not allocate any more funds to this doomed project and focus on Alaska's Energy future by investing in a gas pipeline.

Thank You

Sincerely, Mike Wood

Chase, Alaska



PORT OF NOME - CAUSEWAY MIDDLE DOCK PROJECT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING – \$3M

1. The City of Nome is seeking \$3 million in capital project funding to attain construction of the Port Causeway Middle Dock Project, currently estimated at \$9.4 million. To date, the City has secured \$6.4M in public, private and federal dollars. Project is fully designed and bid ready.
2. The Middle Dock is critically needed to meet growing demand for dock space and alleviate an escalating congestion problem. Originally designed at 475', the length has been shortened to 240' to reduce the costs to a more affordable level in hopes of constructing in 2014.
3. Vessel traffic at the Port of Nome has increased significantly over the last 5 years, with a noticeable rise in the last two years. This requires vessels to anchor offshore and await dock space, which drives up costs and creates shipping delays. The majority of this demand is driven by regional economic development, which utilizes Nome's hub port function to ship cargo, fuel and gravel throughout the region. This commodity movement supports all regional villages, as well as points north to Barrow and south to the Bristol Bay area. (Even exporting sand to Dutch Harbor in 2012.)

	Recent	Historical
Shipping volume trends:	<u>5 year average</u>	<u>25 year average</u>
Cargo Tons	122,733	59,159
Fuel Gallons	13,302,807	12,458,511

4. The Port's current financial obligation to NOAA for repayment of the CEIP loan to build the Causeway is \$300K per year, which is a significant hit to our annual revenues, in addition to our existing operational and maintenance expense. We simply are unable to fund the \$3M short-fall needed to build this critical project, as it remains the City's number one priority.
5. Existing project funding provided by the State of Alaska:
 - a. DCCED - GO Bond Funds awarded F13 of \$10M – to these projects:
 - i. Deep Water Port Study - \$850K
 - ii. Middle Dock Project - \$5M
 - iii. High Ramp & Float Phasing Project - \$4M
 - iv. Harbor Repairs & Upgrades Design - \$150K
 - b. DCCED – Designated Leg. Grant awarded F14 of \$500K
 - i. High Ramp & Float Phasing Project - \$500K
 - c. DOT – Harbor Facility Grant awarded F13 - \$1.5M
 - i. Harbor Repairs & Upgrades Construction - \$1.5M
6. There are significant drawbacks to postponing construction; increased shipping costs caused by delays in accessing dock space, as well as environmental risk exposure to locations like Golovnin Bay where the many vessels waiting at anchor seek refuge during storm events.

A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT VITAL TO THE REGION'S ECONOMIC GROWTH.

April 2014

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To AK State Legislature

Dear Sir and Madam;

I am a graduate student at University of Alaska Fairbanks. I am writing this letter to ask for a support on BAKLAP — "Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production."

One Tree Alaska, an outreach program led by Dr. Janice Dawe of UAF, is funded by BAKLAP. It connects communities and academics and educates local K-12 students and their educators. It also helps graduate students learn how to teach and connect local people. One Tree Alaska has an interdisciplinary composition; arts, such as drawing and sciences such as measuring trees and learning tree species are taught simultaneously.

I started being involved in One Tree Alaska as a field volunteer in the summer of 2013. As a science graduate student who lacked teaching experiences yet was interested in teaching, I needed hand-on training for teaching and experiences of mingling local schools. I was also offered opportunities to lead K-12 teachers for scientific field work. Because of this experience, I am currently confidently teaching two laboratory sections in an undergraduate biology class. I would like to keep volunteering One Tree Alaska so that I would be able to attend a classroom in a local K-12 school and help students' learning sciences.

One Tree Alaska is an active educational program that is needed in Fairbanks community, including K12 students, teachers, and graduate students. One Tree Alaska is financially supported by BAKLAP, and it will need financial support continuously. Please include funding for BAKLAP in the capital budget.

Sincerely,

Kyoko Okano
Master's Student
Biology and Wildlife
University of Alaska Fairbanks

From: Josh Klauder
To: House Finance
Subject: Please add to the record: No Susitna Funding
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 12:49:57 PM

House Finance Committee:

I would like to add my comment to testimony regarding the funding of the Susitna-Watana dam project. Even if this project was a good idea - which it is not - we can't afford to do it, while also pursuing myriad other mega projects. Please do not approve any further waste of our limited money on this project.

Josh Klauder
Talkeetna AK

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From: Nancy Groszek
To: House Finance
Subject: Please fund the capital budget request for the Loussac Library!
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 5:53:29 PM

Greetings -

Please vote "yes" to include the Municipality of Anchorage's \$10 million dollar capital budget request to redo the entrance to the Loussac Library. The current entrance is hazardous.

I'm a senior citizen and I have to walk up the steps sideways - one step at a time. The steps are too narrow and too steep. I know at least 5 senior citizens who cannot use the Loussac because of the current unsafe entrance.

I love my Loussac Library and want it to be safe for everyone.

Thanks so much for your consideration of my request.

Nancy Groszek
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Anchorage, Alaska 99517
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From: [Carol Howarth](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Public Testimony: Please support the \$25,000 request for the Anchorage Imagination Library
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 10:09:19 AM

When we talk about bang for the buck, the Anchorage Imagination Library gives it to the State in spades.

By mailing a book a month to a child from birth to their 5th birthday -- without cost—we are boosting school readiness, an ability to learn and thus a love of learning, and improving family engagement in the learning process. (Good studies and our own metrics are showing this.) You all know the long term benefits of that. With this year's State assistance, we have increased enrollment another 1,000 kids (to over 9,000 of the 20,000 estimated in Anchorage) fiscal year-to-date.

ALL is making inroads in increasing enrollment in neighborhoods with higher numbers of at-risk kids. Just last holiday season as we canvassed the waiting area for "Gift", the Christmas meal/gift give-away program, we were thrilled with the number of people who said, 'Oh, our kids get them. Look, here is one of the books" and then turned to nearby 'doubting parents' to say, 'You should enroll. It is great.'" We have a long ways to go, still, to get books in the hands that need them. But with your continued support, our volunteer team can continue to increase the enrollment!

With enrollment growing, we need to ask everyone who can help to increase their giving. Please approve our request for \$25,000 this year.

As a poor kid growing up, Dolly Parton realized the importance of getting books in youngsters' hands. Her organization provides us with the means to get those books to kids at an average cost of \$2.10 per book each month. Again, thank you so much for your support in covering some of the costs.

Sincerely,

Carol Howarth

Finance Chair

Anchorage Imagination Library

Home: 2471 Belmont Dr., Anchorage, AK 99517

From: Whitney Wolff
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 119 / Cap. Budget
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 6:44:19 PM

April 14, 2014

Whitney Wolff
PO Box 96
Talkeetna, AK 99676

Members of the House Finance Committee,

This testimony is in opposition to funding of the Susitna Watana Hydro project (although the Senate Finance Committee did not include the Governor's request for 32.7 million in supplemental funds in the current CS, I would urge House Finance to support this wise restraint with our current limited state funds)

Speaking as the Chair of the Talkeetna Community Council, Inc. , this project compromises the resources of the Northern Susitna Valley which sustain regional small businesses, recreation based tourism and subsistence uses by families throughout the state.

Speaking as a small business owner and concerned Alaskan - The State cannot afford multiple mega projects and the continued funding of competitive energy projects puts the state's bonding capacity at risk. . Alaskans should not spend 5.2 billion on this risky project which has already sustained problems and is currently a year off schedule. Alaskan's need energy projects which meet our critical heating needs. The Susitna dam does not meet these needs!

The gas line project creates export revenue, a rural Alaskan energy fund, and potential future relief to communities relying on #1 diesel heating oil.

Thank you for your service and the challenging work with the capital budget ,

Whitney Wolff

From: [Rita Jo Shultz](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: SB119 budget
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:09:20 PM

This evening I called in and listened for almost 3 hours. I decided a written note might be more appreciated. I admire your fortitude. I hope someone was bringing you food!

I am a 48 year resident of Fritz Creek (outside Homer) and am the President of the Kenai Peninsula Farm Bureau and an officer with the State Board of Farm Bureau.

I am respectfully requesting you fund the budget for Soil and Water Conservation. You heard at least 11 testimonies this evening (thus my written request) and were presented with many of the larger issues and responsibilities of S&WC. As a Farm Bureau person, I get to see the little things S&WC does on the Peninsula.

This winter I visited several of our local schools to talk about the Community Garden Program offered by SW&C. At one elementary school I had a wonderful experience. A second grader asked me if he could show me his garden. We ventured outside to see his garden box where he preceded to tell me about how he grew potatoes. He talked about the radius, the circumference, weight and other important facts about his potatoes. He shared upon harvesting the potatoes they made potato soup for a pot luck for students and their families. From the look on that little boy's face, I'm sure he was seeing his potato garden all over again while in reality we were gazing at a box of ice and snow.

Currently SW&C is working on bridge work at the head of Kachemak Bay to reduce erosion and protect critical wetlands.

With the hundreds of high tunnels constructed on the Peninsula, the soil testing and information provided by S&WC has been invaluable.

I realize you have a daunting job. I hope you are able to continue to fund the RC&D.
Rita Jo Shultz

Sent from my iPad
Rita Jo Shultz
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From: [LIO Mat-Su](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: SB119 Testimony
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 3:18:42 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Harrison [<mailto:rachelh@mtaonline.net>]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 3:17 PM
To: LIO Mat-Su
Subject: Re: Susitna Dam...

On Apr 14, 2014, at 1:19 PM, Rachel Harrison <rachelh@mtaonline.net> wrote:

> I am opposed to funding the Susitna Dam for the volumes of reasons that have been discussed. What comes to mind is a famous quote from a speech given over a hundred and fifty years ago in the northwest. It speaks true even today.
> "Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons and daughters of the earth. We did not weave the webs of life, we are merely strands in it. Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves."
> Chief Seattle
>
> Keep the Susitna River strong and free.
>
> Thank you,
> Rachel Harrison

To: Rep. David Gattenberg
Sen. Sigman Hoffman

Re: BAKDAP funding

March 7, 2014

Dear Senator Hoffman and Representative Gattenberg:

I am a self-employed log house builder and carpenter who has worked in the Interior for forty-three years.

I recently volunteered to show middle school students how to make knitting needles from birch logs, under the aegis of BAKDAP and Dr. Janice Dawe.

This activity provides students with a fine-motor skill activity; teaches them the concept of value-added entrepreneurship; and puts them in a (sometimes) fresh contact with their boreal forest.

Students combine science, technology, engineering, mathematics and artistic judgment to produce a marketable product - a valuable economic lesson.

I ask you to support BAKDAP in the budget as the program is a richly engaging approach to learning. As one teacher said, "The kids are so engaged - no one's watching the clock!"

Thank you,

Birch Paulecky
6063 Reconstruction Rd.
Fairbanks, 99709

- cc. : Senator Kelly
- Senator Fairclough
- Senator Meyer
- Senator Dunleavy
- Senator Bishop
- Senator Olson

From: [Ian Wright](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Stop funding the Susitna Dam
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 8:09:20 PM

Alaska cannot afford to fund the Susitna dam.

Ian Wright
Fairbanks

From: Darrell Wayman
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for the Anchorage Imagination Library
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 2:18:14 PM

Anchorage Imagination Library

Testimony on the 2015 Capital Budget to the House Finance Committee

April 14, 2014

My name is Juliana Wayman and I volunteer with the Anchorage Imagination Library which works to increase children's literacy by providing books to more than 9,000 children in Anchorage. I am asking you to support the capital request for just \$25,000.

All Anchorage children from birth to age 5 are eligible to participate in the program which works to encourage reading in the home and help prepare children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed. AIL also organizes free events to give parents tools to make reading fun and extend the learning. The program cost is just \$30 per child for a book every month for a year.

Part of Best Beginnings, the AIL program is managed and delivered by volunteers. This keeps administrative costs very low. The state funding would be matched dollar for dollar with private and local contributions. The monthly invoice for books and postage is more than \$18,000 and growing.

The money provided through the capital budget will go towards continuing to grow the program, particularly in AIL's target areas: Mountain View, Fairview and Spenard. Without these funds, AIL could be forced to cap growth and turn away new participants from a low-cost program that has proven benefits. The program is scalable and all capital funding will be put toward books and postage.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Juliana Wayman

Volunteer and parent

Anchorage Imagination Library

From: [Brian Okonek](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Susitna Dam funding
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 3:06:30 PM

Dear House Finance Committee,

Please do not increase the funding for the Susitna Dam. Historically mega dams like the proposed Susitna Dam have cost far more (an average of 54% more) than projected, have not produced as much power as anticipated and have done more damage to river watersheds than expected. Damming the Susitna River will be no different. It will cost far more than the advertised 5.1 billion. What big project in Alaska hasn't cost more than its original estimation? Alaska can not take the financial risk nor can we risk the integrity of the Susitna Rivers watershed. Mega dams are an old technology with many proven adverse affects. The future will bring new ways to produce power. We should all strive to conserve more energy and support the development of new ways to meet our power needs. Do not waste money on continuing toward licensing the construction of the Susitna/Wantana Dam. There are far more important programs that are in need of money. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Okonek
Talkeetna

From: [John Sanborn](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Susitna Dam
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 4:27:20 PM

Greetings to all,

This is my first time for me to ever write to you and I hope that my message comes to you in a meaningful way. My wife has lived most of her life in Alaska and I have been here for over four years. I love Alaska and I feel like I have come home living here. So it is with the most sincere belief that all money for the Susitna Dam project be stopped. I lived where there were dams and the loss of the pristine river with it. It created a ton of problems with the Salmon runs and though millions of dollars have been thrown at attempts to restore fish populations nothing has been successful. I oppose the building of this dam and ask for you to do the same by stopping any future funding of this bad project. If we want to make cheap power and be kind to our planet then lets look at solar and wind power along with tidal power. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John and Laura Sanborn
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"No, wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit and as vital to our lives as water and good bread. A civilization which destroys what little remains of the world, the spare, the original, is cutting itself off from its origins and betraying the principle of civilization itself." Edward Abbey

From: [Howard Carbone](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Testimony on SB 119
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 6:32:56 PM

I am opposed to giving any more money to the Susitna-Watana Hydro Project. With our tight budget we can't afford two energy mega-projects, and the gas line is obviously the right one for Alaska. Please don't waste any more money on the dam.

Respectfully,

Howard Carbone

From: [Yahoo!](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: Watana Dam Project
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 4:49:41 PM

Greetings~

This is a request that you do not submit any funds towards the Watana Dam Project. Instead, put those funds back into the Alaska budget. Alaska cannot afford such a mega project, nor does it need it. There are much better alternative energy projects that are affordable and far less damaging to the environment.

Thank you,
Robin Song
concerned Talkeetna citizen

From: [Eric Bush](#)
To: [House Finance](#)
Subject: we deserve it !!!!!!!
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 12:27:52 PM

Frankly. I am sick and tired of watching my son play his home games in a piece of crap stadium!! when I played football it was at our own school with our own stadium, it had lights and bleachers! we were proud to play in panther stadium! it was OUR HOUSE! when we traveled we traveled to other schools who had their own stadiums too. think of how if you'r own kids play football, how would they feel between having to defend their OWN turf or travel to some dump owned by the city? East High deserves their OWN stadium! please reconsider and make my sons senior year of ball his most memorable by letting him play at t- bird stadium, complete with lights and bleachers !!!!!!!!!!!

Eric Bush, Chocoman
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January 29, 2014

Dear legislative body,

I am writing to urge your continuing support for the capital budget item "Boreal Alaska — Learning, Adaptation, Production" (BAKLAP). The education/outreach portion of this unique biomass energy and education program builds on the highly successful five-year track record of engaging K-12 children and teacher in authentic hands-on science, math and art, in a standards-based curriculum developed through the OneTree Alaska program. The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) has been involved in a rich collaboration with scientists from the University of Alaska and artists from the community through the OneTree Alaska program since the fall of 2009.

My area of expertise is art education and I am a longtime art specialist teacher, a former UAF Education Department adjunct and am presently the FNSBSD Art Coordinator. Our 30-year approach to creating a sustainable art program for FNSBSD students has been to focus on designing relevant, integrated art curriculum and providing professional development for our classroom teachers. We do this through classroom modeling and mentoring, offering inservices and producing intensive teacher training institutes in Fairbanks. BAKLAP's professional development model is modeled on the FNSBSD's, and it is an approach that has proven to be a cost-effective way to exponentially increase engagement and learning in our schools.

The first 18 months of Balkan's activities have made possible several collaborative professional development opportunities within the confluence of art and science. In summer 2012, the FNSBSD and UAF's School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences spearheaded the first Fairbanks STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Institute: Trailwalk. A heterogeneous group of 26 teachers, from across the state along with artists, scientists and students worked intensively together for a week using the rigorous observation, learning and recording techniques foundational to both artists and scientists. Throughout the next school year there was direct evidence of teacher learning as our summer project was replicated with students in classrooms.

We followed with a 2013 summer professional development class in which teachers worked over the whole growing season with a small group of birch saplings in the experimental plot at UAF's T-field. The teachers are extending this summer experience in a dozen classrooms this school year, growing birch seedlings with their students to use for many art-science lessons.

According to Peggy Carlson, Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction, "The BAKLAP programs have been a wonderful collaboration between UAF and FNSBSD and greatly benefited both our teachers and students."

BAKLAP will help us continue to bring K-12 curricula into closer alignment with 21st century educational needs and the new Alaska State Standards. If continuation funding is granted it will provide for a pilot education research project in partnership with UAF's School of Education. This research project will utilize performance-based assessment to provide important information on the effectiveness of both OneTree's educational approach and of the assessment methodology itself.

I ask that you fund the second portion of this important capital project.

Thank you for your support,

Karen Stomberg, FNSBSD Art Coordinator
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(907) 328-0701

To Rep. David Guttenberg, Senator Lyman Hoffman

Re: BAKLAP funding

March 7, 2014

Dear Senator Hoffman and Representative Guttenberg:

I am a self-employed log house builder and carpenter who has worked in the Interior for forty-three years.

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Thank you,

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April 4, 2014

Senator Pete Kelly
Alaska Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Kelly:

Please support full funding of the BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska—Learning, Adaptation, Production) program for 2014 and into the future.

This program is a multi-dimensional program that will greatly improve science/ecological education (the STEM/STEAM mission) for the youth of Alaska in particular, but also the residents of Alaska more generally. Documenting long-term forest growth in response to harvesting, the other mission of BAKLAP, is critical to sustainable management of this valuable, renewable natural resource. Both of these program missions are equally important and deserve your full support.

My personal reasons for the importance of these missions:

STEM/STEAM—This program trains teachers and students directly and the general adult population indirectly and directly. The skills learned, among others, (understanding the scientific method, quantitative and qualitative observational skills, and critical thinking) are essential to good citizenship regardless of one's work or profession. For students with a particular interest in the sciences, this program provides early training and an appreciation for the importance of this knowledge. The inclusion of the arts through STEAM is, I believe, central to a good education. Creative thinking can only be achieved by cross-training in the arts and sciences.

Assessment of long-term forest growth—Forest management for sustained yield of multiple resources is absolutely dependent on developing an understanding of forest development over decades of research and observation. The work proposed here will help to meet this requirement for sustainable forest resource management.

Thank you.
John Zasada

(Note: this letter of support is based on my 20+ years of work as a research forester with the USDA Forest Service in Alaska (1960's-1980's). For the past 10 years, I have taught birch bark weaving and the importance of nontimber forest products in managing forests in Fairbanks, Talkeetna, Palmer, and other Alaska communities. During my years in Alaska my family was very involved in youth education through the 4-H program as it related to forestry and agriculture.)

March 31, 2014

Dear Senator Coghill,

I am writing in support of providing completion funding *via* the capital budget for Boreal Alaska Learning Adaptation Production (BAKLAP).

As the instructional designer for the project's K-20 STEAM Education component, I have seen the direct impacts that BAKLAP has had on the interior community over the past two years. To date, we have led integrative projects and activities with thirty teachers in a dozen FNSB schools. The customized lessons are aimed at meeting the needs of the school, teacher and student body. We have seen dramatic results with student content retention, an outcome furthered through creating peer-teaching opportunities across classrooms.

Teachers have added tremendous value to the activities BAKLAP project staff brings to their school by creating extension activities that hone critical thinking skills. In addition, they have begun to develop independent projects associated with their experiences with BAKLAP. The synergy between BAKLAP staff and Fairbanks North Star Borough School District teachers has allowed students to participate in novel citizen science research about the boreal forest (i.e., predicting sap production in local birch stands as well as investigating competition amongst genetically related trees).

Completion funding would provide the necessary funds to quantitatively evaluate the overall effectiveness of the education model that has been developed. The direction of education in the state of Alaska is at a critical juncture and we hope to provide a contribution that demonstrates the power of integrative learning as well as a model for evaluating learning objectives.

I understand the political climate is currently not ideal for additional expenditures but this program has demonstrated a highly successful model in integrative learning by empowering teachers, challenging students, and engaging community partners. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Zachary Meyers
zimeyers@alaska.edu

28 March 2014

Dear Senator Bishop:

I am writing on behalf the request for funding for the Boreal Alaska—Learning, Adaptation, Production (BAKLAP) project. BAKLAP is an important teaching resource for the Natural Resources Career pathways at Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School, through which our program reaches all facets of science, technology, research, engineering, art, and math (STREAM). With hands-on, skills-based programs such as BAKLAP, we can prepare our students for careers in the Natural Resources pathway, one of the fastest growing pathways today.

Effie Kokrine Charter School opened its doors in 2005 and in 2006 established the first Early College program in the state of Alaska. Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School serves 168 students in grades 7-12. Our population is 60% Alaska Native and 70% of those students are on the federal lunch program. These urban youth are at risk of losing traditional knowledge and with resources like One Tree Alaska and BAKLAP the opportunities for reconnection are limitless.

This year alone, One Tree has devoted one full semester of workshop and STREAM learning experiences for our middle school students. One Tree, students, and Elders discovered the riparian zone of nearby Deadman Slough and produced two art projects that blended Western knowledge with traditional ways of knowing. We look forward to continuing to work with One Tree as we plan and develop nearby Peirce Park into a citizen science park.

Additionally, biomass is one of the most rapidly rising renewable energy sources in the state. Alaska needs to support the research and development of sustainable renewable resources. The future of Alaska will depend on a successful blending of the remaining oil reserves as well as the development of renewable options. We need to instill in our students a sense of responsibility for our natural resources.

While I understand that budgets are tight, I urge you to continue funding this project in order to see it through to completion. Federal funders view state funding to be a non-federal match, which will help allocate more federal funds to our university forestry program.

I urge you to help make natural resource management research, education, and outreach more sustainable in Alaska by approving funding for the BAKLAP program.

Sincerely,

Sue McCullough, Early College Coordinator

March 29, 2014

Dear Senator Kelly,

I am a teacher at Pearl Creek Elementary School in Fairbanks. I am writing to express my support for continuation funding via the capital budget for BAKLAP – the **Boreal Alaska – Learning, Adaptation, Production** program. I have been involved with BAKLAP 1 and the development of lessons, materials and teacher networks, and hope to be a part of the process if BAKLAP 2 receives the rest of its funding. I have seen firsthand how interested and excited my second and third grade students can be when working with real materials that are a part of their daily lives. Our school is fortunate to have access to forested areas on site, and we have investigated tree growth and tapping potential of birch trees so far this year, as well as keeping scientific journal records of data collected, analysis of data, and art projects with collected materials.

I believe that it is important that our children learn from an early age the power and responsible use of the resources around them, and I see this happening in the scope of the BAKLAP program and what it aims to do in developing curricula and supporting classroom instruction. I urge you to give the highest consideration to funding the rest of the BAKLAP program (BAKLAP 2) so that the important work of educating Alaska's students about a sustainable and viable resource can continue and reach more students statewide.

Thank you.

Jacqueline M. Martin

February 6, 2014

Dear Legislative Body,

I am writing in support of the CAPSIS proposal for a \$700,000 appropriation to the AK Department of Natural Resources to allow completion of project BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production). BAKLAP is an integrated education, outreach and research project conducted in partnership with the AK Division of Forestry and Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) School District. Throughout the past year, I have witnessed Balkan's team working collaboratively with FNSB School District teachers to improve science and general education learning.

Borough residents face a number of energy, economic and educational challenges. BAKLAP is developing the information to identify sustainable biomass energy practices that are now crucial for meeting energy needs for many residents. FNSB has traditionally been the key location for scientific and resource management research in Alaska. Using this background BAKLAP is helping us achieve biomass energy development throughout the interior region of the state by upgrading forest research installations and successful forest management practices. BAKLAP also brings materials and lessons learned from the boreal forest research into our community's classrooms. Thirty teachers in a dozen FNSB schools have been involved with BAKLAP's "One Tree" activities, including lesson plans and hands-on student research. These teachers are reporting superior learning outcomes for their students. Continuation funding will allow these observations to be tested through the integration of educational research into BAKLAP activities. The lessons learned could be an important guide to the process of education reform that is topical now.

BAKLAP has established a very high standard of working with diverse sectors of the community in an innovative program to achieve energy and education needs that are recognized across the state. Continuation funding will allow the planned completion of this integrative and successful project.

Sincerely,

Luke Hopkins, Mayor of North Star Borough

April 11, 2014

Dear House Representatives,

I would like to thank you for your time and effort during this session and your careful consideration for each request you have received. As a teacher in the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District I feel it is important that you hear the benefits of the Boreal Alaska Learning, Adaptation, and Production (BAKLAP) program to our students and community.

This year alone my 7th grade science students have had the amazing opportunity to accomplish a service-learning project with the help of BAKLAP. This project included mentoring elementary students in the skills of setting up an experiment that was University level and understanding the purpose for the experiment. My students will also be mentoring these same students in the art of sap to syrup processing in a few weeks.

Yesterday we met with members of BAKLAP and Engineering students from the University of Alaska Fairbanks to be trained on their reverse-osmosis sap processer and other birch related topics in order for my students to further their service learning during a student planned open house on Earth Day. Again none of these amazing learning and service opportunities would have been possible with out the materials, support and knowledge of the BAKLAP program and staff.

In closing the \$700,000.00 budget is crucial to the support of our students, teachers, and community so I ask that BAKLAP be added to the capital budget when it's considered in House Finance.

Thank you for your time and support,

Carri Forbes
7th grade science teacher
Tanana Middle School
600 Trainor Gate Rd
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Via email:

Jenny MacDougall Apr 11 (1 day ago)

to Rep.Pete.Higgi.

Greetings Representative Higgins,

I am writing in regards to BAKLAP funding. I am currently a University of Alaska graduate student participating in BAKLAP's One Tree Program at Tanana Middle School in Fairbanks.

As a pre-service teacher, I have seen an enormous benefit to integrating One Tree lessons into our classroom. Students find the hands-on, place-based (local boreal forest) activities highly engaging, and that interest is sustained throughout the year.

With One Tree's STEAM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) approach, students see relevancy, can connect their own personal experiences with birch trees, and can connect abstract scientific concepts. Some of the most striking examples of One Tree engagement have been those with the very quiet and shy students, as well as the very boisterous students that often have troubles with appropriate classroom behaviour. These students in particular seem to thrive with One Tree activities and projects.

Please add BAKLAP's CAPSIS request of \$700,000 to the capital budget.

I would like my comments to be part of the public record to the House Finance for consideration for the capital budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jennifer MacDougall

Tanana Middle School, Fairbanks
University of Alaska Fairbanks

March 31, 2014

Dear Legislators,

My son is a student at Randy Smith Middle School. The OneTree program as part of BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production) came into his classroom and worked with the kids on a real project for an extended period of time. The program helped him significantly. I immediately saw a huge spark in him. He has ADD and aspergers. Even though he is highly intelligent, school is sometimes hard for him. This outreach program gave him a taste of what it would be like to be a scientist and he loved it. Ever since then he realizes that he could do this. He could be a scientist. He volunteered this summer at the OneTree program at UAF. When I picked him up, I would have never seen him as happy and focused. He loves talking and doing science. This is such a critical time in a kid's life when they can go in any direction. BAKLAP shows them a great path. I can't thank you enough for your support in the past and I urge you to keep supporting it and igniting the spark in more and more kids.

Thank you so much,
Nina Herun

(Original available from Senator Coghill's archived letters)

March 31, 2014

Dear Legislators,

Greetings I am an 8th grade student at Randy Smith Middle School in Fairbanks. I am writing to support the One Tree program that is part of BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production). In seventh grade Jan Dawe of OneTree came into my school and gave us the opportunity to do a long-term experiment on birch trees. This allowed the program to collect data but I think that a more important result was that it gave lots of kids at my school the chance to do real hands on science. This was very interesting for us and I was able to do real science. Now I want to be a scientist when I grow up. In addition to this, the program gave me opportunity to learn and talk with scientists during the summer at UAF. I urge to support this program. It has been life changing for me and many others who have volunteer as citizen-scientists. Please continue the OneTree program and the BAKLAP program.

Sincerely,
Joey Harun-DeLong

(Original available from Senator Coghill's archived letters)

14 April 14

Re: SB 119 capital budget

House Finance Committee,

I am a 42-year Juneau resident and small business owner.

Please remove the "Juneau Access (HD 31-32)" project from the Capital Budget, SB 119, because this \$ 35 million project, if funded and executed by DOTPF, would damage Juneau's prospects for:

- a. Remaining Alaska's Capital City;
- b. Becoming a more resilient community, able to withstand the shocks of unpredictable future events.

"The Road" has always been a costly distraction for the people and business community of Juneau, a myth that if only people from Up North could drive to Juneau to influence our state government, we'd be spared the distress of a capital move. Very few would choose to drive to Juneau during legislative sessions, if they could.

Specifically, this \$ 35 million appropriation would:

1. Probably be used to extend the pioneer road beyond Cascade Point, around Berners Bay, toward, or as far as, Kensington Mine.
2. Prolong the delusion, among many Juneau people, that if citizens from elsewhere in Alaska could drive to their capital, especially during legislative sessions, Juneau's tenure as Alaska's Capital would be greatly strengthened.
3. Continue distracting us from investing in capital projects and community design that would make Juneau more attractive, resilient, energy-efficient, sustainable, and visitor-friendly -- a better Capital City and Community in every way.
4. Not be a productive use of state and federal funds. It would not provide a high benefit / cost ratio. It will deprive more worthy projects elsewhere in Alaska of both capital and maintenance funds. We Alaskans are responsible for the wise use of both Alaska and United States treasure; road extension beyond Echo Cove is not a wise use.
5. Provoke envy and resentment among other Alaskans because Juneau has grabbed a share of scarce state and federal transportation funds in its continued foolish pursuit of about \$500 million more, to extend "the road" beyond Echo Cove and Cascade Point to a new dead end and ferry terminal 50 miles further up Lynn Canal. Statewide support for keeping the Capital in Juneau will consequently suffer.

6. Provoke ridicule, within Alaska and beyond, that Juneau has commandeered scarce resources to either:

- a. Build a "road to nowhere", or
- b. Build a road at public expense to benefit a single private enterprise, the Kensington Mine, for the few decades that its ore body will last.

7. Be inadequate for anything other than a pioneer roadbuilding project, which would badly damage the wilderness and recreational values of Berners Bay, and probably to some extent damage its important biological productivity. A pioneer road will not be commercially useful; we would be back for more Juneau Access roadbuilding money from Alaska funds, in many future legislatures.

The complete \$ 500 million "Road" alternative for Juneau Access Improvement would move the ferry terminal 55 miles north, decreasing and discouraging Juneau access, especially for legislators. Only those driving vehicles from Juneau to Haines and beyond will benefit. All others must bear the cost and inconvenience of transportation to and from the Juneau community. Ferry service to the present Auke Bay terminal would probably diminish. Juneau would be less accessible than it is now.

Legislative appropriation for the Juneau Access project before the Supplemental EIS is available from DOTPF is premature and unwise. Is DOTPF withholding the EIS until after this project's inclusion in the capital budget? If so, why? What don't they want legislators to know? We are grateful for DOTPF's expertise in designing and managing transportation projects. But, we need to help them direct their resources, to avoid unintended negative consequences to Alaska, including to Juneau and to other Lynn Canal communities.

Please relieve the people and community of Juneau from the delusion and distraction that "the road" extension north of Echo Cove would somehow anchor the Capital in Juneau, so that Juneau's citizens may instead:

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- b. Prevent negative feelings toward Juneau, statewide and nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Anchorage Imagination Library
Testimony on the 2015 Capital Budget to the House Finance Committee
April 14, 2014

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Helen Phillips

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Subject: More capital budget testimony

Please post.

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From: Brenda Johnson [<mailto:bljinalaska@gmail.com>]
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Subject: \$ for Juneau access

House Finance Committee,

I think the \$35 million for the access road should be taken out. It should be put in much more important things. This project is very dangerous. Will destroy animal habitat.

It still is a road to nowhere. A huge waste of money.

Brenda J
Juneau

Tanana Chiefs Conference FY2015 Capital Improvement Project Requests

CIP Requests Not Included in CSSB119 and prioritized

1. Holy Cross Tribal Council - \$300,000 for “Multi-Purpose Community Services Facility Completion Project”. The project is at 80% completion status and CIP funding during 2014 is required to complete this facility. (District 36/Senate R)
2. Edzeno’ Native Village Council - \$200,000 “Nikolai Health Clinic Project”. The Tribe will be constructing a new clinic during 2014 and requires \$200,000 of CIP funds to complete the construction budget. (District 38/Senate S)
3. Fort Yukon - GZGTC - \$100,000 “Sustainable Greenhouse Project”. This CIP request will fund completion of this project which is 70% complete (\$287,000 of EPA funds spent to date). (District 39/Senate T)
4. Tanana – \$140,000 “Village Roads Drainage/Dust Control and Equipment Project”. This is a health and safety project which leverages \$50,000 of BIA Roads funds and supplements the \$40,000 FY2013 CIP for the same purpose. This FY2014 CIP request will complete this project. (District 38/Senate S)
5. Beaver Traditional Council - \$170,000 for “New Housing Initiative”. CIP funds will be used to leverage \$600,000 of HUD funds to build three homes. (District 39/Senate T)
6. Teltin IRA Council - \$200,000 “Teltin Village Roads Drainage and Improvements”. Tetlin’s have residential roads that are in very poor shape and this CIP would make essential improvements and will also match BIA Roads funding. (District 39/Senate T)
7. Allakaket Traditional Council – \$500,000 “New Clinic Project”. The Council is working with Tanana Chiefs Conference to raise \$1,480,000 of non-state funds to construct a new health care clinic. (District 39/Senate T)
8. Grayling IRA Council - \$200,000 CIP “New Housing Initiative”. CIP funds will be used to leverage \$600,000 of HUD funds to build three homes. (District 38/Senate S)
9. Minto Traditional Council - \$150,000 “Water/Sewer Improvements Project”. The Council will utilize the requested make essential improvements to its ageing water plant and sewer system. (District 38/Senate S)
10. Evansville - \$170,000 “New Clinic Project”. The Evansville clinic is in poor condition and requires replacement. CIP funds will be used to leverage \$1.8 million of non-state funds. (District 39/Senate T)

Tanana Chiefs Conference Using Capital Improvement Projects Funds To Leverage Federal and Foundation Funding

Introduction

Over the past four years, TCC has taken a multi-funding approach to financing its villages' capital projects where small Legislative CIPs which are being used to leverage federal and foundation funds as follows:

Clinics

Kaltag – New clinic completed in 2012. Utilized \$100,000 FY2013 CIP to leverage \$2,000,000 of Denali Commission and Indian Health Service funds.

Chalkyitsik – new clinic completed in 2012. Utilized a total of \$250,000 of FY2011 and FY2012 CIPs to leverage \$1,900,000 of Denali Commission and Indian Health Service funds.

Koyukuk – new clinic planned for 2014. Utilized a \$150,000 FY2013 CIP to leverage \$2,000,000 of Denali Commission and \$140,000 Indian Health Service funds. Total of expected funds to be leveraged \$2,150,000.

Tanacross Community Health Center (includes new clinic) currently under construction – have utilized a FY2012 \$500,000 CIP and a FY2013 \$600,000 CIP to leverage \$500,000 of HUD Indian Community Development Grant funds, \$340,000 of Denali Commission funds, \$140,000 of Indian Health Services funds and \$400,000 of Rasmuson Foundation funds (pending) totaling \$1,280,000 of leveraged funds.

Allakaket – new clinic project will be utilizing an approved FY2012 \$150,000 CIP and FY2013 \$170,000 CIP to leverage a \$600,000 HUD Indian Community Development Grant funds, Rasmuson Foundation \$430,000, \$150,000 Indian Health Service funds (pending) and \$300,000 from Murdock Foundation funds (pending). Total of expected funds to be leveraged \$1,480,000.

Venetie – new clinic planned for 2013. Utilized a \$150,000 FY2011 CIP and a \$200,000 FY2013 CIP to leverage \$1,850,000 of Denali Commission and \$180,000 Indian Health Service funds (pending). This is the last Denali Commission funded clinic. Total of expected funds to be leveraged \$2,030,000.

Ruby – new clinic planned for 2013. Utilized a \$170,000 FY2013 CIP to leverage \$1,950,000 U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration funds and \$160,000 Indian Health Service funds (pending). Total of expected funds to be leveraged \$2,110,000.

Nikolia - Koyukuk – new clinic planned for 2014. Utilizing a \$170,000 FY2013 and \$200,000 of FY2014 CIPs to leverage \$600,000 of HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant funds (approved), \$300,000 of Rasmuson Foundation funds, \$450,000 Southcentral Foundation

funded, and \$140,000 Indian Health Service funds (pending). Total of expected funds to be leveraged \$1,490,000.

State CIPs totaling \$2,660,000 have or are leveraging \$14,680,000.

Multi-Purpose Projects

TCC village generally have 30 to 50 years old community building which are energy inefficient and in poor shape. TCC is assisting its villages to design and build new multi-purpose community services centers which are energy efficient, heated by high efficiency wood-fired boilers and which will consolidate by programs and services in one facility. The following projects have used State CIPs to leverage funds as follows:

McGrath Multi-Purpose Community Services Center (6,000 s.f) – completed in 2012. Used \$650,000 of FY 2011 and 2012 CIPs to leverage \$2,150,000 of federal and private funds.

Holy Cross Multi-Purpose Community Services Facility to be completed in 2013. A \$150,000 FY2012 CIP was used to leverage \$640,000 of Federal funds. A \$300,000 FY2014 CIP is required to complete this project.

Shageluk Multi-Purpose Community Services Facility to be completed in 2013. A \$150,000 FY2012 CIP was used to leverage \$580,000 of Federal funds. A \$300,000 FY2014 CIP is required to complete this project.

Grayling Multi-Purpose Community Services Facility to be completed in 2014. A \$170,000 FY2013 CIP is being used to leverage \$1,000,000 of private funds (Kipnik Fisheries).

Northway Multi-Purpose Community Services Facility to be completed in 2014. A \$125,000 FY2012 CIP is being used to leverage \$600,000 of ICDBG Federal funds (pending).

Huslia Multi-Purpose Community Services Facility to be completed in 2014. A \$170,000 FY2013 CIP is being used to leverage \$600,000 of ICDBG Federal funds (pending) and a \$90,000 State CDBG award.

State CIPs totaling \$1,415,000 have or are leveraging \$5,270,000.

Juneau Road to Nowhere. Remove \$35 Million in the Capital Budget

A dangerous fifty mile dead end to a remote ferry terminal

- The proposed road does not connect with the Alaska Highway. Instead it would end 90 miles north of downtown Juneau at a remote ferry terminal where travelers would board a first come, first serve ferry to Haines. Instead of replacing ferries, the project would actually increase ferry system infrastructure.
- The proposed road would be among the most dangerous in the country with 36 avalanche chutes along Lynn Canal portion of the road and another 112 geologic hazards along the route.¹

The road is unnecessary

- 71 cars a day travelled the Lynn Canal in summer of 2012, less than 50% of the total current capacity.²
- Moving the ferry terminal away from Auk Bay to the remote Katzehin river delta eliminates all public transportation options and foot traffic.
- The State has already determined how to reduce ferry system operating costs in the Lynn Canal. The Alaska Class Ferry Day Boats, the first of which went out to bid this spring, will require 1/5th the crew of a mainline ferry.³
- DOT estimates annual average daily traffic is 670 vehicles as compared to current average daily traffic for Palmer Wasilla Hwy +12,000, Seward Hwy +45,000, Hoffman Hwy +8000.⁴

We don't know what we are buying

- The Supplemental EIS has been delayed and won't be released until June 2014 or after. DOT has also decided to hold-off on releasing accurate cost information. Three different fiscal notes in the past year have put the project between \$424 and \$687 million.

Alaska needs to deal with our backlog of deferred maintenance

- Even with Gov. Parnell and the legislature appropriating an additional \$100 million every year from FY 2011 through FY 2014 on deferred maintenance, the backlog still is over \$2 billion⁵

¹ Lynn Canal Highway Phase 1 Zone 4 Geotechnical Investigation, Golder and Associates. December 2006

² Alaska DOT&PF presentation to Alaska Legislature in joint Transportation committee hearing March 6, 2014

³ The Malaspina requires a crew of 50, the LeConte 24 and the ACF Day Boat 9

⁴ http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/mapping/trafficmaps/trafficdata_reports_cen/2012_ATVR.pdf

⁵ <http://www.legfin.akleg.gov/Overview/Overview2015.pdf>, p. 77

TESTIMONY of James Sullivan

What Alaskans are saying about the Juneau Road:

- Haines doesn't want the road. Juneau doesn't need the road. It is an engineering catastrophe just waiting to happen. It would harm wildlife and fishery resources, and would absolutely destroy the wild beauty of Lynn Canal--the very thing that brings thousands of tourists and millions of dollars to this region. - Derek Poinsette Haines
- We HAVE a system that works for both those with and without cars: the Alaska Marine Highway. Let's fund it and keep it, and put this road nonsense to bed for once and for all. – Marion Kinter Haines
- You will need the National Guard to keep this road open. –Mike Miller
- Our money needs to be allocated to local needs such as the downtown pool and downtown roads- Adelaide Johnson, Juneau AK
- The road is so totally unnecessary and I would rather see the money spent on education and other much more worthy projects! Sharon Fisher, Kodiak, AK
- Avalanches - we've already had an avalanche death in our family, and the road would transit high avalanche areas- Judy Brakel, Gustavus AK
- There are far too many unanswered questions, far too many costs for which there are no funding plans (costs of maintenance, provisions of services, and safety) to make a prudent decision on this now. To take risks for an incomplete plan seems foolhardy. To sacrifice an area of great beauty without a clear plan for any future benefits makes no sense. –Susie Gregg Fowler, Juneau AK
- Ferries are the way to go. They promote a sense of community and are safe. On roads people just get killed. It's insane to even think about building a road through that terrain. Our roads are the water ways. That's unique and it shapes the character of Southeast. -Michael George Haines, AK
- You need to understand that throughout the winter months (November into April), when it may be raining in Juneau, it's likely snowing, sleeting, freezing rain in Haines, AND between Haines and Juneau. For example, we had 9 feet of snow just this past December. The winter of 2006/07 we had 307" of snow in Haines. That record was broken the winter of 2011/12, when the Haines area had over 30 FEET of snow!! It's dark, and the driving conditions are dangerous. Hypothetical transit times on an "access road" would likely be doubled at least over what's quoted in the glowing proposals, that is, if the road is not actually shut down. – Anne Boyce Haines, AK
- The costs — destruction of a world class coastal ecosystem, dangers posed to the traveling public by some 36 avalanche chutes and 112 identified land and rock slide areas, gross waste of limited public funds — far outweigh the scintilla of public benefit from a road that will be closed often by hazards, dead end at yet another ferry terminal short of the traveler's destination, and eliminate a much safer, more dependable marine highway system that will take us all the way. –Merrill Lowden Haines, AK
- Do not fund the road from Juneau up Lynn Canal! My family has a seasonal home in Atlin, BC and we get there by ferry and car. We absolutely do not want to drive that dangerous proposed highway in winter. It's bad enough going over the White Pass with it's frequent closures for avalanches, let alone worry about a Lynn Canal road. We feel public transportation is preferable to single cars to save on fuel. And we LIKE the ferry.- Elaine Schroeder Juneau,AK



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March 14, 2014

Senator Dennis Egan
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 9
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Representative Peggy Wilson
Chair, House Transportation Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 406
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Questions at hearing on Thursday, March 6th.

Dear Senator Egan and Representative Wilson:

In response to questions posed by the Joint Transportation Standing Committee members on March 6, 2014, the following information is provided:

- How will the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities handle staffing at the Katzahin terminal?

The Katzahin terminal will not require staff; it will provide shelter from the elements and restrooms. The vessels will be staffed from the home ports, Haines and Skagway, and will be responsible for keeping the vessels secure at those ports at night. Similar to our terminal in Metlakata, the terminal at Katzahin will be automated, allowing the crews to operate the ramps from the vessel and eliminate the need for shore side staff.

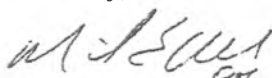
- How much money is currently available for the Juneau Access project?

The total money available for this project to date is \$185 million. The project has \$142 million of Federal Legislative Authority, \$34 million of State General Funds (GF) and has \$9 million in materials on hand (culverts and bridge pile) that were purchased with GF.

- What happens if a ferry gets to Katzahin and the road between Katzahin and Juneau is closed?

In most circumstances the ferry would continue on to Auke Bay if the road to Katzahin terminal is closed. However, if the closure occurs late in the day and the captain determines that continuing on to Auke Bay would violate work/rest rules implemented by the U.S. Coast Guard, the ferry would return to Haines.

Sincerely,


Jeff Ottesen

"Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure."

Juneau Access

FY2015 Request: \$35,000,000
Reference No: 41670

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Juneau Areawide

House District: Juneau Areawide (HD 31-32)

Impact House District: Juneau Areawide (HD 31-32)

Contact: Jeff Ottesen

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2020 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-4070

Appropriation: Economic Development

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Provide improved surface transportation to and from Juneau within the Lynn Canal corridor by extending Glacier Highway an additional 50 miles to a new ferry terminal 2 miles north of the Katzehin River delta. The Juneau Access project will increase capacity to meet the travel demand in the corridor. This project contributes to the Department's mission by improving the mobility of people and goods through increased flexibility and greater opportunity to travel, reducing travel times between Lynn Canal communities, and reducing both the traveler's costs and the state's costs for transportation in the corridor.

Funding:	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$30,000,000	\$125,000,000	\$125,000,000	\$125,000,000			\$405,000,000
Gen Fund	\$5,000,000	\$22,500,000	\$22,500,000	\$22,500,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$102,500,000
Total:	\$35,000,000	\$147,500,000	\$147,500,000	\$147,500,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$507,500,000

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0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch18 SLA2013 P80 L13 SB 18 \$4,600,000
 Sec32(b) Ch18 SLA2013 P130 L17 SB 18 \$5,397,059
 Sec1 Ch82 SLA2006 P107 L26 SB 231 \$35,824,600
 Sec1 Ch159 SLA2004 P48 L19 SB 283 \$128,729,100
 Sec1 Ch82 SLA2003 P49 L6 SB 100 \$5,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

A final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released by the Department in January 2006 identifying the East Lynn Canal Highway to the Katzehin River delta with ferry shuttles to Haines and Skagway as the preferred alternative. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in April 2006. In February 2009 the U.S. District Court rejected FHWA's ROD concluding that an alternative for improved ferry service using existing ferries and terminals was not adequately considered. In May 2011 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit upheld the previous court decisions by a 2-1 vote. As a result, the Department and FHWA began

Juneau Access

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RE TPS 62205 ROSSIA for St Nicholas Preservation

Richard Dauenhauer
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I'm here to ask the house finance committee to restore to the budget as much as possible of TPS # 62205: ROSSIA, Request for preservation work at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. This was dropped from the Senate version.

I realize that given the current financial situation, it is unrealistic to hope for all of the \$50,000 request, but I hope that some of it can be restored.

This would demonstrate State support for preservation of an important historic site in Juneau, a block from the Capitol, and a major visitor destination. Even a small amount of legislative support would help us raise additional matching funds.

I have additional background information on the project if you would like me to leave it with you.

Thank you for inviting public testimony.

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Subject: Zasada-BAKLAP Support letter.

Please enter into the record the email below to SB 119 in the House Finance Committee Dated 4/14/2014.

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From: Zasada John [emiliezasada@me.com]
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Subject: BAKLAP Support letter.

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> Meristems Forestry
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> 22538 Kolp Rd
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> Grand Rapids, Mn 55744
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> April 4, 2014 Senator Pete Kelly Alaska Legislature Juneau, Alaska
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> Dear Senator Kelly:
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> Please support full funding of the BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska—Learning,
> Adaptation, Production) program for 2014 and into the future.
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> This program is a multi-dimensional program that will greatly improve
> science/ecological education (the STEM/STEAM mission) for the youth of
> Alaska in particular, but also the residents of Alaska more generally.
> Documenting long-term forest growth in response to harvesting, the
> other mission of BAKLAP, is critical to sustainable management of this
> valuable, renewable natural resource. Both of these program missions
> are equally important and deserve your full support.

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> My personal reasons for the importance of these missions:
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> STEM/STEAM—This program trains teachers and students directly and the
> general adult population indirectly and directly. The skills learned,
> among others, (understanding the scientific method, quantitative and
> qualitative observational skills, and critical
> thinking) are essential to good citizenship regardless of one's work
> or profession. For students with a particular interest in the
> sciences, this program provides early training and an appreciation for
> the importance of this knowledge. The inclusion of the arts through
> STEAM is, I believe, central to a good education. Creative thinking
> can only be achieved by cross-training in the arts and sciences.

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> Assessment of long-term forest growth—Forest management for sustained
> yield of multiple resources is absolutely dependent on developing an
> understanding of forest development over decades of research and
> observation. The work proposed here will help to meet this requirement
> for sustainable forest resource management.

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> Thank you.
> John Zasada

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> (Note: this letter of support is based on my 20+ years of work as a
> research forester with the USDA Forest Service in Alaska
> (1960's-1980's). For the past 10 years, I have taught birch bark
> weaving and the importance of nontimber forest products in managing
> forests in Fairbanks, Talkeetna, Palmer, and other Alaska communities.
> During my years in Alaska my family was very involved in youth
> education through the 4-H program as it related to forestry and
> agriculture.)

Helen Phillips

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From: Ryan Jess [rdjess@alaska.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 11:00 AM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: BAKLAP Capital Budget Support Letter

To whom it may concern:

Please :

- Make my comment part of the public record
- Ensure that it is circulated to members of the House Finance Committee
- Distribute to the Interior Alaska Delegation

Thank you,
Ryan Jess
rdjess@alaska.edu

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14 April 2014

Dear Representative Kawasaki ,

I am writing on behalf the request for funding for the Boreal Alaska—Learning, Adaptation, Production (BAKLAP) project. BAKLAP is an important teaching resource for the Natural Resources Career pathways at Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School, through which our program reaches all facets of science, technology, research, engineering, art, and math (STREAM). With hands-on, skills-based programs such as BAKLAP, we can prepare our students for careers in the Natural Resources pathway, one of the fastest growing pathways today.

Effie Kokrine Charter School opened its doors in 2005 and in 2006 established the first Early College program in the state of Alaska. Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School serves 168 students in grades 7-12. Our population is 60% Alaska Native and 70% of those students are on the federal lunch program. These urban youth are at risk of losing traditional knowledge and with resources like One Tree Alaska and BAKLAP the opportunities for reconnection are limitless.

This year alone, One Tree has devoted one full semester of workshop and STREAM learning experiences for our middle school students. One Tree, students, and Elders discovered the riparian zone of nearby Deadman Slough and produced two art projects that blended Western knowledge with traditional ways of knowing. We look forward to continuing to work with One Tree as we plan and develop nearby Peirce Park into a citizen science park.

Additionally, biomass is one of the most rapidly rising renewable energy sources in the state. Alaska needs to support the research and development of sustainable renewable resources. The future of Alaska will depend on a successful blending of the remaining oil reserves as well as the development of renewable options. We need to instill in our students a sense of responsibility for our natural resources.

While I understand that budgets are tight, I urge you to continue funding this project in order to see it through to completion. Federal funders view state funding to be a non-federal match, which will help allocate more federal funds to our university forestry program.

I urge you to help make natural resource management research, education, and outreach more sustainable in Alaska by approving funding for the BAKLAP program.

Sincerely,

Sue McCullough, Early College Coordinator

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Subject: FW: BAKLAP Capital Budget Support Letter

Please enter into the record the email below on SB 119 in the House Finance Committee dated 2/14/2014

Jennie Hafele

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From: Jesse Hensel [jesse.hensel@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 11:38 AM
To: LIO Fairbanks; Jan Dawe
Subject: BAKLAP Capital Budget Support Letter

Dear Legislative Information Offices,

I want to make the following comment part of the public record. Please circulate my comment to the House Finance Committee and the Interior Alaska Delegation.

Please continue to fund BAKLAP. I was born and raised in Alaska, but I went out of the state for college and graduate school. In 2010 OneTree invited me to return to Fairbanks to teach art and science to educators and k-12 students. I loved doing germination experiments with students of all ages and teaching sculpture, painting, drawing, weaving and engineering. I was so inspired by the program that I decided to become a classroom teacher myself. I completed a Masters of Education at UAF and now I teach Kindergarten and First Grade at Arctic Light Elementary. I continue to incorporate ideas from OneTree in my classroom and I volunteer for the program. Currently my class is germinating Tamarack, measuring growth, counting leaves, and making scientific illustrations. If not for OneTree I may well have stayed in New York and never have become a teacher. OneTree connects hundreds of students to meaningful art and science (that aligns with and expands far beyond the mandated state standards). Please continue to support this program by including it in the capital budget.

Sincerely,
Jesse Hensel

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www.jessehensel.com



**Alaska Professional Design Council PO Box 241851 Anchorage AK 99524
Legislative Liaison Committee Chair, Dale A. Nelson, PE (907) 947-1855**

14 April 2014

MEMBER SOCIETIES

Alaska State Legislature House Finance Committee	
Alaska Society of Professional Engineers	Attention: Representatives Alan Austerman, Bill Stoltze and Mark Neuman and Members of the House Finance Committee
Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Re: Funding Support of SB-119 University of Alaska Engineering Buildings on the Campuses of Anchorage and Fairbanks to "Let's Finish What We Have Started"
American Institute of Architects Alaska Chapter	The Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC) is a consortium of professional societies representing design professionals including architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects and interior designers. We represent over 6,000 licensed design professionals. APDC collaborates on issues of shared interest through educational offerings and governmental advocacy. We are deeply rooted in the business of architecture and engineering, and committed to the long term health and vitality of our state.
American Society of Civil Engineers Alaska Section	
American Society of Landscape Architects Alaska Chapter	
American Council of Engineering Companies of Alaska	
American Society of Interior Designers	APDC continues to support the University of Alaska in their efforts to develop new and current facilities to educate future engineers and the Alaska State Legislature in their continued efforts to provide funding. Alaska faces a serious shortage of design professionals, especially in anticipation of major projects that will be occurring in the near future.
Structural Engineers Association of Alaska	These new engineering facilities will provide the University of Alaska at both the Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses the opportunity to expand their programs to meet the needs for engineers in the workplace and to provide an environment to stay current with ever changing technology.

Respectfully Submitted;

Dale A. Nelson, P.E., F.ASCE
Chair, Alaska Professional Design Council
Legislative Liaison Committee
Cell Phone: 907-947-1855
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CC: Senate Finance Committee:
Senators Kevin Meyer, Pete Kelly and Anna Fairclough

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Int'l Day of Peace

Sept 21, 2009

Monday: NOON - 8PM



“Dignity, Unity, and Success”

FAIRVIEW RECREATION CENTER

NOON to 4 PM

- Women's Dress for Success
- GED Information
- UAA Scholarship Information
- Back to Work Presentations
- Free Hair Cuts
- Healthy Meal

4 PM to 6 PM

- Youth Activities
- 200 Minority Scholarships List
- GED Information
- UAA Scholarship Information
- Special Guest Speakers
- Snacks & Kids Kitchen

6 PM to 8 PM

- Potluck International Foods Dinner
- Local Entertainment
- Day of Peace Presentation
- Social Services Announcements

DAYTIME TARGET: To support women in need of clothing and work related skills and to give teens guidance for their education and future.

EVENING TARGET: To honor our unity as a diverse cultural community in Anchorage and to recognize the UN International Day of Peace.

You Still Have the Opportunity to Contribute :

Different groups are invited to provide handouts, give presentations, and be there for guidance to make a safer, more educated and confident community.

- We need volunteers, hair dressers, and presenters: email regina@anch.net
- Volunteer performers: Diane 277-1882. Potluck & food donations: Donna 301-4421.
- Donations of new socks for the teens: Dan 830-8077.
- Donations can be given to Back To Work Network account at Fifth Ave Key Bank.

Sponsors

- Back to Work Network
- Ambassadors for Peace
- Municipality of Anchorage
- Bridge Builders
- Organize In Sync
- Cathy Kelly, Billie Martini,
- Susan Just, Jan Ingram,
- Joan Heidel

MORE INFO: Regina Manteufel,
The Back to Work Network,
276-4904, regina@anch.net

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ANCHORAGE



PARKS & RECREATION

Monday Oct 30th, 2006

Back to Work Network Speakers

Fairview Community Center

1121 East 10th Ave

Anchorage AK 99501

on Bus Line # 13

10:15-10:30am Opening address of Executive Director Regina Manteufel & information on State of Alaska Division of Personnel <http://workplace.alaska.gov> 1(800)587-0430

10:30-11:00 am Dale Myhill of 9 Star GED program 222-2925 dalem@ninestar.com & Dawn Hoebman of Computer Training at Gateway Learning Center 277-2450

11:00-11:30 am Patrice Parker of Alaska Works Partnership & Woman in The Construction Trades 569-4729 www.alaskaworks.org

11:30-12pm Sandy Modica credit ratings and where to find them. 569-8997 (8am to 5 pm) Loan officer at Alaska Mortgage Solutions

12:00-12:10 pm serve your self-lunch

12:10-12:40 pm Gracie Jackson Jobs program 269- 4622 gracie_jackson@labor.state.ak.us

12:45-1:05 pm Anne l. Reynolds instructor, women\$finances YWCA
Phone: 907-644-9612 Fax: 907.644.9650 www.ywcaak.org

1:05-2:05 pm Michael T. Dugan Founder of Can Shall Will, Inc.

2:05-2:20 pm Tracey Mayhew of Seafarers International Union of North America

1(877) 471-3425 tmayhew@seafarers.org (907) 561-4988

2:25-3:00 pm Sandy Cannon Statewide Supervising Investigator Wage & Hour Administration State of Alaska 269-4900 fax 269-4948

3:00-3:30 pm Alicia Knotts YWCA Women's Health Department 644-9624

3:30 to 3:35 pm Closing comments by Regina Manteufel Executive Director

Sponsor's: Organize in Sync, Regina's, YWCA, George Kallas Estate, Rae's Haircutting, Studio by Corky Wheeler, Catherine Wilkins, Clair Sigwidssome, Mary Lu Lavine, Dorothy Malcho, Vi Mc Laughnlin of Mary Kay, Susan Just, Arlene Jasper, Ms. Manteufel & Jean Marie Crumb.

This 8th conference happened because of Municipality Of Anchorage Donation and volunteers.

CAREER CREATION FAIR

With complete makeovers: Haircuts, clothing and make-up!

Free Event:

Monday, April 18, 2011

Adults: 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Teens: 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Equal Payday for Women 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Fairview Recreation Center, 1121 E. 10th Ave. (Bus #13)

Speakers: 18th

- 11:30 -11:45 **Maria Carter** Gateway Learning Center
- 11:45-12:15 **Nine Star** GED, Microsoft Certification & Mast Program - www.ninestar.com
- 12:15 -12:45 **Nancy Heckmann**, Alaska Job Center Network - www.jobs.alaska.gov
- 12:45-1:30 **Vonda Roak-Martinez** Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education 269-7995
- 1:30-3 pm **Gerritt Waterlander**, AK Job Center Network - Resume Writing & Interview Strategies
- 3:30-4:30 **Joy Hartlieb**, Youth Employment Law - www.labor.state.ak.us/lss/forms/pam200.pdf
- 4:30-5:00 **Sharon Chamard**, Associate Professor of Justice, University of Alaska Anchorage

Speakers 19th

- 11:30-11:45 **Maria Carter**, Gateway Learning Center
- 11:45-12:30 **Sam Dicky**, Small Business Administration www.sba.gov
- 12:30 -1:00 **Nancy Heckmann**, Alaska Job Center Network – www.jobs.alaska.gov
- 1:00-2:00 **Labor Laws Panel: Nathan Menah** Occupational & Health 269-4946 www.akosh.gov
- Rhonda Gerharz** Workers Compensation 269-2012 www.laber.alaska.gov **wc** , **DVR Services & Disabilities** **Carla Copenhaver** 269-3580 & Wage & Hour 269-4909 Anchorage.LSs-WH@alaska.gov
- 2:00 to 3:00 **Denece Pruett**: Best Buy on Working in Electronic Sales
denece.pruett@Bestbuy.com (907)344-4409

Brought to you by: Browns Electric, Organize In Sync & Fairview Lions Club Non-Profit

- ✦ Elgin Jones of Kids Kitchen
- ✦ Dana' Hedden of Manicure Mobil
- ✦ Ms Fujimura in Honor of Kate Beebe
- ✦ Theda Pittman & Positive Damage
- ✦ Arjorie Roberts & Vincent Greene
- ✦ Municipality of Anchorage
- ✦ Anchorage Park Foundation
- ✦ Snow City Cafe for April 18th Lunch
- ✦ Paige Compton & Linsey Hanks of 5th Avenue Mall Regis Salon

To donate haircutting, new makeup, shoes, clothing or money for insurance regina@anch.net

7 Year Anniversary Event Organized by Regina Manteufel

Regina's House and Back To Work Network Volunteers

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Fairview Business Association
Anchorage Chronic Inebriate Antirecidivism Initiative

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES AND PROGRAMS

- \$ 700,000 Project management and administrative accounting support, reporting on performance measures – Akeelam Inc
- \$1,100,000 Detox Services – Cook Inlet Tribal
- \$1,100,000 Rehabilitation treatment Services – Akeela, Inc
- \$ 600,000 Re entry job training, placement, temporary housing - Partners for Progress
- \$ 600,000 Case Management and outreach, Wellness courts - Alaska Native Justice Center
- \$ 500,000 Transitional Housing - RurAICAP, Homeward Bound, Catholic Social Services, Partners for Progress
- \$ 500,000 Outreach, referrals, diversion from courts and prisons – Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Catholic Social Services, Community Mental Health Consumer Web, Alaska Vietnam Veterans, Anchorage Homeless Coalition Members

As part of developing this proposal we have met with the Veterans Administration Homeless Coordinator (25% of this population are veterans), Commissioner of Corrections Joe Schmidt, Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Ronald Taylor, Anchorage Department of Public Safety Community Action Program, Anchorage and Statewide CHARR, Anchorage Assembly members, and 9 Anchorage Community Councils, all of whom recognize the need for a focused, coordinated effort for this particular population.

Following the legislative session, we will be conducting coordinating meetings among community providers to determine case management flow and specific responsibilities for each partner.

This demonstration project is intended to span 36 months.

This appropriation is contained in SB 119, the Capital budget bill.

James N. Wanamaker
5600 E. 40th A-101
Anchorage, Ak. 99504

Dear Representative Stoltze,

April 15, 2014

Requested Action:

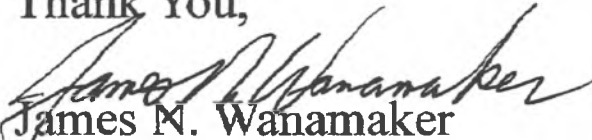
Please approve \$600,0000 to the Capital Budget for the second year of the grant to Partners for Progress for Recidivism Reducton at Partners Reentry Center in Anchorage.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Senate has already approved this item in it's Capital Budget bill.

This program gives newly released prisoners assistance for housing, employment and sobriety.

It has many of the elements of the Wellness Court over which I presided while I was an Alaska District Court Judge.

Thank You,



James N. Wanamaker

Retired Alaska District Court Judge



PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Over 25,000 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alaskans would benefit greatly with access to information, technology and education. In addition, many Deaf lack community connection and employment due to isolation and the inability to access community resources. **The State of Alaska is in need of a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center.** Throughout the United States there are numerous Deaf Centers, which have enhanced the lives of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HOH) within their respective communities - Alaska too needs a center to provide access for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in need.

For the past 3 years, committed community members have gathered to plan, organize and create a Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center to meet the needs of persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the State of Alaska. In the past, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community has struggled due to lack of resources and integrated program support. Due to the generous support of the state with funding of Phase 1 and Phase 2, systems are in place to enter into the final phase, making this **long anticipated project** complete and operational.





PROJECT SITE

The Board of Trustees for the Alaska Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center (ADHHC) has secured a building that will be the future home of the Denali Deaf Community Center. The ADHHC has partnered with Alyeska Vocational Services to provide the services component for the center. Alyeska Vocational Services is the provider for the State sponsored "Bridges Navigator Program." This program provides assistance navigating and accessing available resources and coordinating social services systems for individuals with multiple disabilities. They provide training to employers and service providers on **Deaf culture values** and coordinate with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to maximize employment supports and assist individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in accessing and maintaining appropriate and affordable housing.

Potential services at the Denali Deaf Community Center include:

- Health and Social Services
- Employment Services
- Housing Services
- Training to employers and services providers on needs of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities
- Free public access videophone, caption phone, and TTY
- Outreach and marketing to rural communities
- Counseling Services
- Independent Living Services
- Culinary Arts Classes
- American Sign Language classes



COMMUNITY INPUT PROCESS

Building on input gathered since the inception of the Deaf Center project, the design team facilitated 3 community input sessions throughout the concept design development. At the first two meetings, the design team gave an overview of the project and the project history and then asked participants to work in small groups to answer a series of visioning questions:

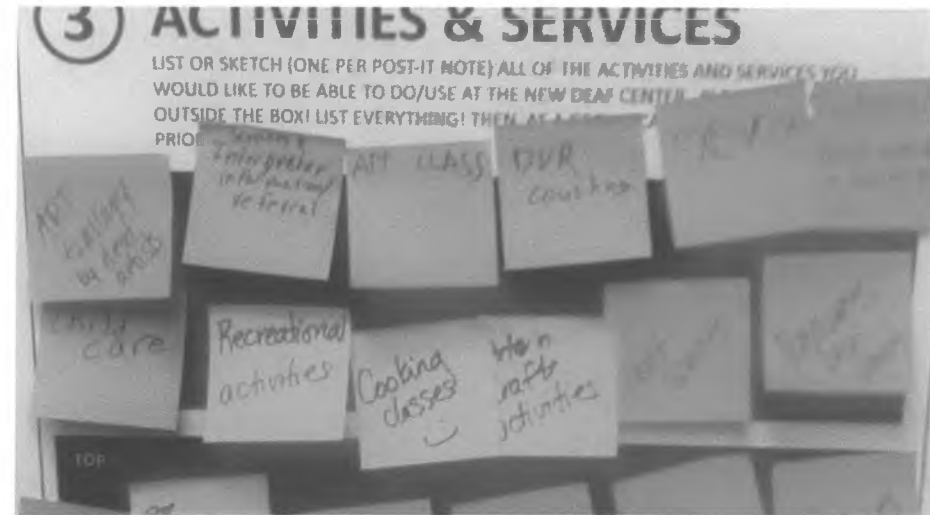
- What do you want to get from your Deaf Center experience?
- What activities and services would you like to be provided by the Deaf Center and in what priority?
- What is the most important activity or service that needs to occur at the Deaf Center?
- If there was a headline in the Anchorage Daily News in 5 years regarding the Deaf Center, what would it be?
- What are your group's three key insights for the design team?

The answers to these questions, as well as the discussion that followed provided the design team with the beginnings of the building program and the project's Critical Success Factors.

CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

- The space is inviting and **welcoming** to the deaf and hard of hearing community, as well as to the entire Alaskan community.
- The space is designed around the tenets of **DeafSpace***.
- The space is **flexible** in use and can adapt to the changing needs of the community.
- The space provides the most current **technology** for Deaf and Hard of Hearing users.
- The space **generates income** by supporting a social enterprise.

* Created by the University of Gallaudet, DeafSpace is a way of altering or designing surroundings around the needs of a deaf or hard of hearing user.





“Life happens around the kitchen table rather than the living room sofa because the lighting is better in the kitchen”

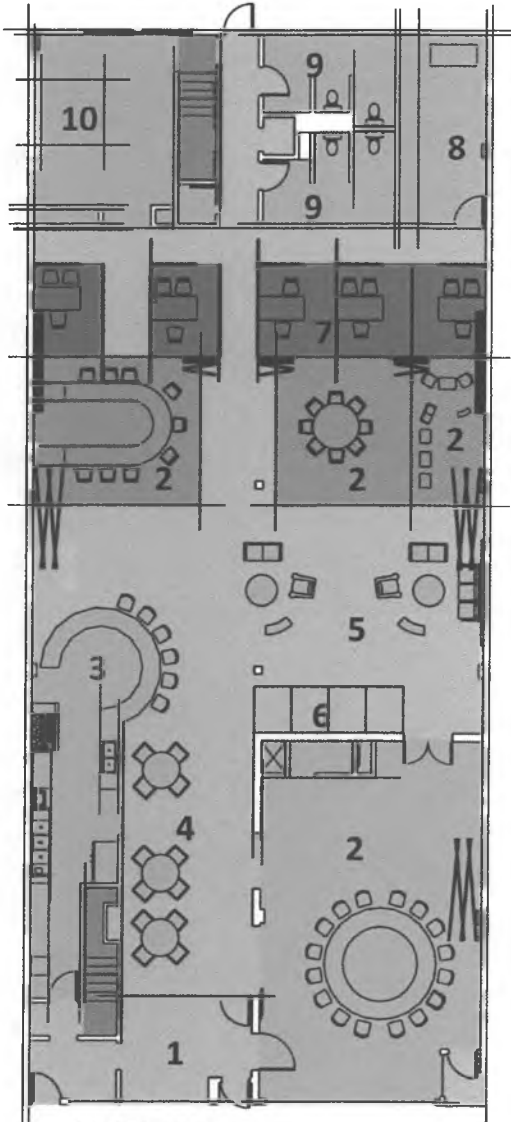
Using the historical information provided by the Board, as well as the community input, the design team generated three renovation options for community input. The options were presented in the third community meeting and participants were asked to select their favorite option, as well as make comments and notes about changes they would make. Based on this input, the Board selected the option “THE KITCHEN LAMP” to be developed into the concept design featured in this funding package.

In addition to the project’s Critical Success Factors, the team researched DeafSpace Design Principles to apply to the concept design.

- Design of circulation and gathering spaces that enable signers to move throughout space uninterrupted
- Space that allows for visual connection throughout
- Spatial orientation and the awareness of activities within the surroundings
- Soft, diffused light “attuned to deaf eyes”
- Design to reduce reverberation and other sources of background noise

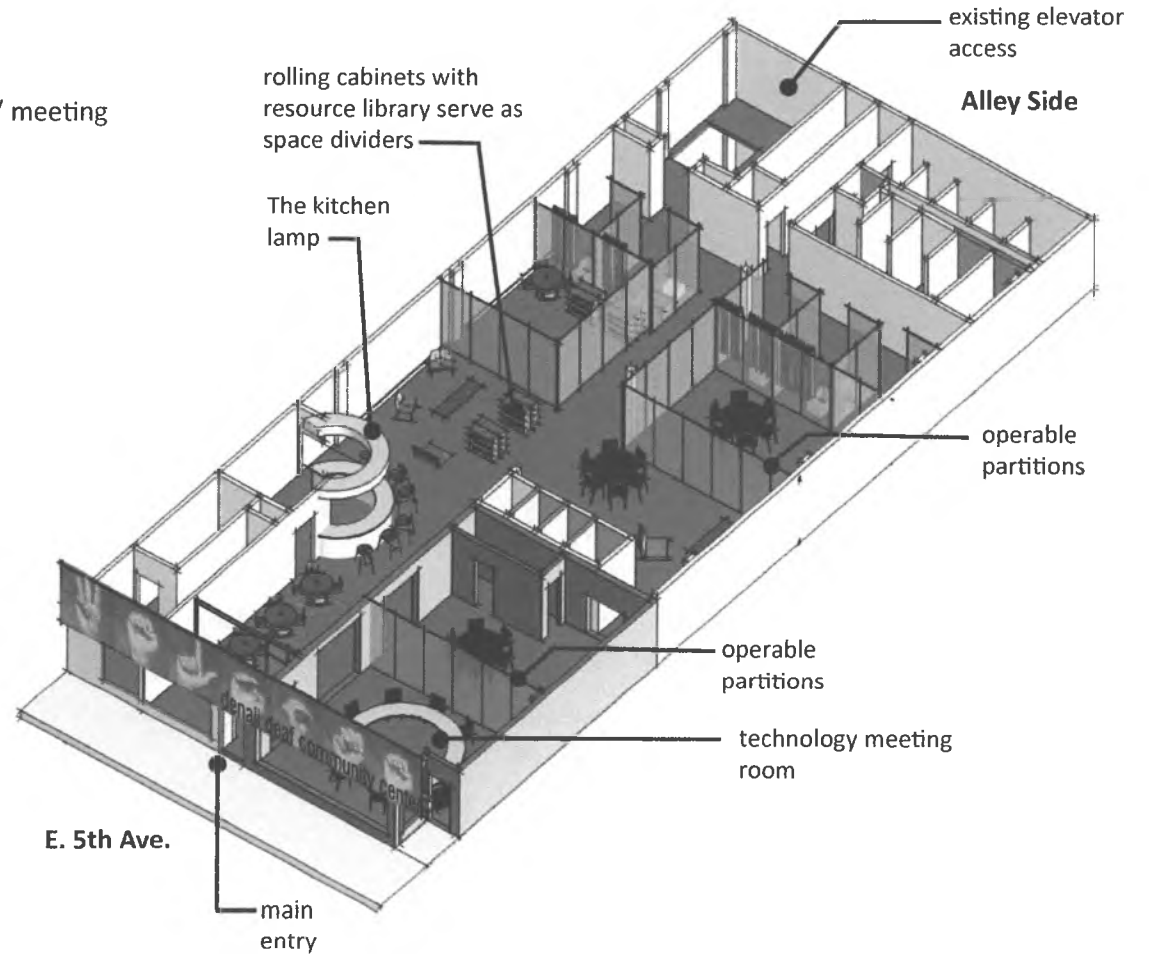
BUILDING RENOVATION PLANS :: Entry Level

Alley Side

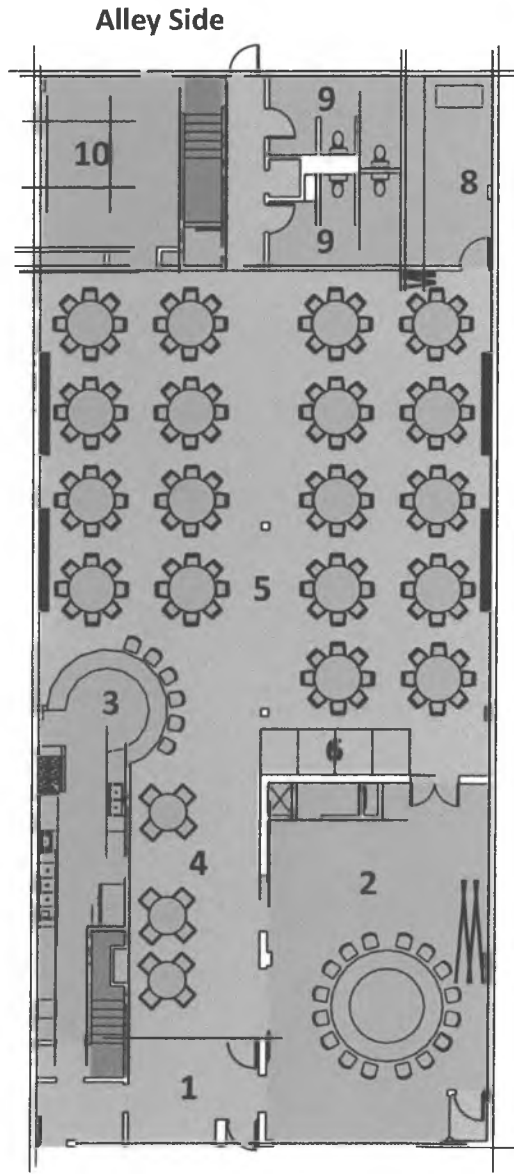


- 1 arctic entry
- 2 meeting space
- 3 cafe
- 4 cafe seating
- 5 lounge/ information/ meeting
- 6 video conference
- 7 services
- 8 workroom
- 9 restrooms
- 10 existing elevator

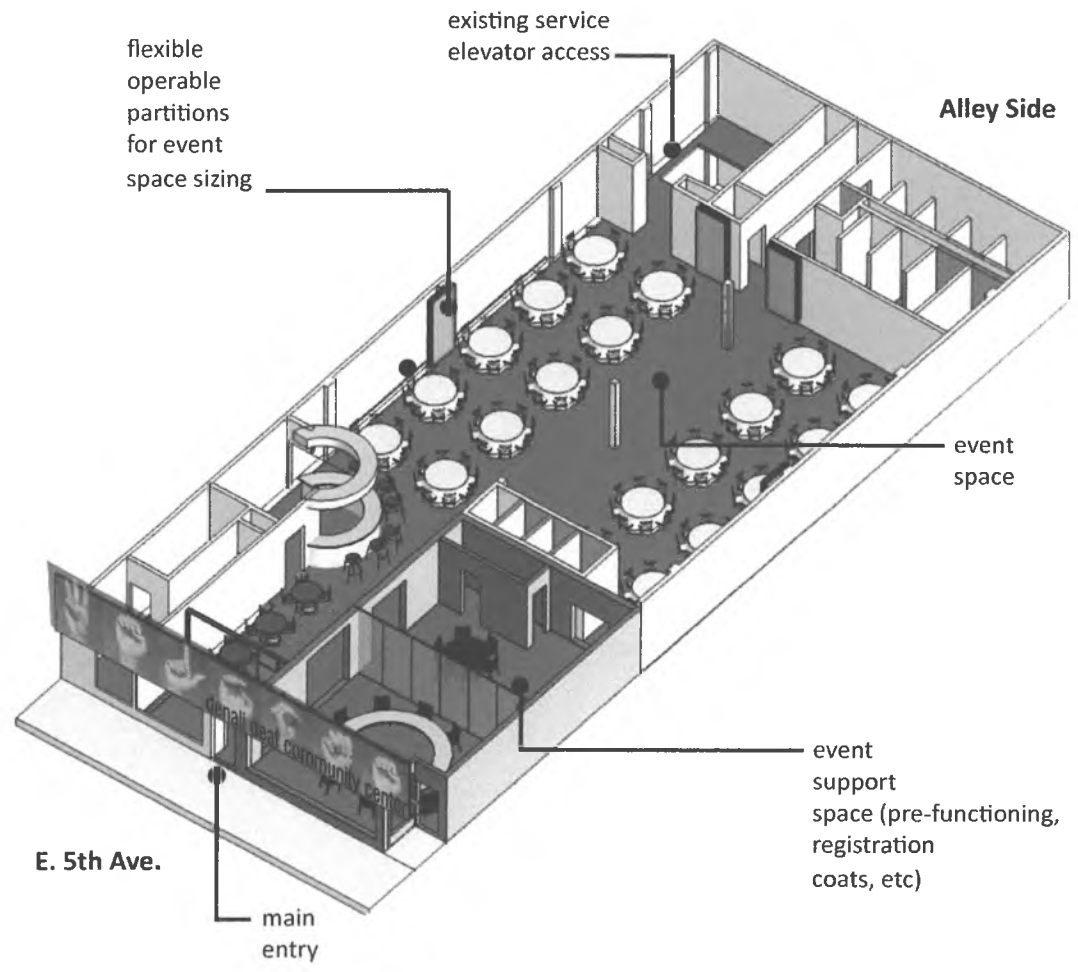
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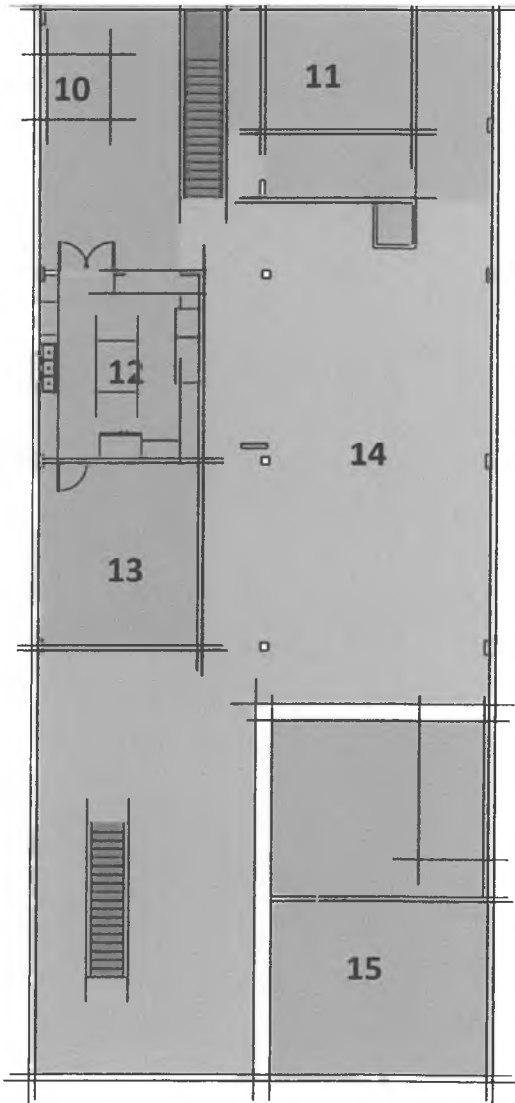
BUILDING RENOVATION PLANS :: Entry Level Event Setup



- 1 arctic entry
- 2 meeting space
- 3 cafe
- 4 cafe seating
- 5 event space
- 6 not used
- 7 not used
- 8 workroom
- 9 restrooms
- 10 existing elevator



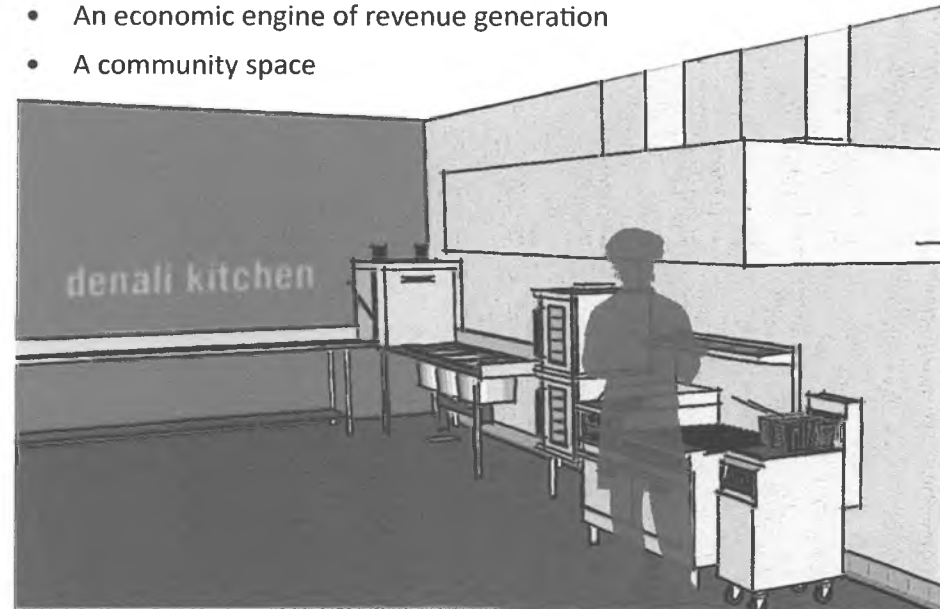
BUILDING RENOVATION PLANS :: Basement Level



- 10 existing elevator
- 11 mechanical/electrical
- 12 commercial kitchen
- 13 kitchen storage area
- 14 rental storage area
- 15 tables and chairs storage

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN

- A training place
- A support space for events
- A rental space for outside caterers
- An economic engine of revenue generation
- A community space



PROJECT BUDGET

1. Interpreter Services: \$35,000

This cost includes estimated services for 2 years (583 hours @ \$60/hr) of communication support for the project team, the Board, the committees and volunteers throughout the completion of the renovation and the formation of a social enterprise.

2. Building Purchase: \$645,000

This cost includes the purchase price of the building.

3. Closing Costs: \$68,500

This cost includes closing fees, a title search and legal services associated with the building purchase.

4. Project Management/Social Enterprise Development: \$175,000

This cost includes:

- Denali Deaf Community Center Project Manager: \$75,000 for 2 years = \$150,000
- Misc. Consulting Services, Assents Management and Foraker: \$10,000
- Deaf Space Design Consultation with Gallaudet University: \$15,000
- In Kind support of \$50,000 is provided by L Van Vactor Social Enterprise Consultant

5. Tenant Improvements: \$1,025,831

Tenant Improvements to the existing 11,000 SF, two story building include a new entry vestibule and doors, upgrades to finishes, upgrades to the lighting systems, upgrades to the existing bathroom, creation of meeting rooms and offices spaces, renovation to an existing office space, renovation and expansion to the existing café and kitchen, the addition of a commercial kitchen, creation of storage units and a façade renovation.

6. Construction Contingency: \$102,583

A 10% construction contingency provides for overages, changes in pricing, shipping or other unforeseen expenses.

7. Architectural/Engineering Fees, Permits, and Inspections: \$149,581

This cost includes fees for the completion of the construction documents to renovate the building, as well as continued facilitated community meetings. The fee also includes estimated costs for the permit for construction and inspections throughout the construction process.

8. Fixtures, Furnishings & Equip & Signage: \$ 150,000

This cost includes office and meeting room furniture, café furniture, art, equipment for operations, technology, event furniture, indoor and outdoor signage.

9. Administration: \$140,000

This cost includes an Administrative support staff, bookkeeping, auditing, office, insurance, legal and construction insurance.

10. Deferred Maintenance Cost: \$100,000

This cost includes maintenance of the roof and heating and plumbing systems

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,591,495

LETTERS OF SUPPORT



3330 Arctic Blvd. Suite 101 Anchorage, AK 99503 TEL: (907) 563-2599
ATLA is a public non-profit 501(c)3 agency which provides assistive technology solutions for Alaskans with disabilities

February 26, 2014

Dear Aaron,

Assistive Technology of Alaska (ATLA) is sending this letter of support expressing our full endorsement and commitment to the future Denali Deaf Community Center (DDCC). ATLA see everyday the tremendous need for assistive technology and social services to support Deaf and Hard of Hearing folks in our Alaskan communities. As well, there is an ongoing need for community education throughout Alaska. The DDCC is greatly needed and will assist in helping to fix a broken service system by enhancing communication and community participation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in our communities.

Sincerely,

Mystie Rail, Executive Director



Denali Deaf Community Center
Mr. Aaron Stribling, President, Board of Trustees
223 East 5th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Stribling,

Access Alaska, Inc. is sending this letter of support expressing support for the Denali Deaf Community Center (DDCC).

As a provider of Independent Living Services we see every day the tremendous need of social services support for individuals who are deaf & hard of hearing in Alaskan communities. We also encounter the ongoing need to increase accessibility to said services through information and education.

The DDCC will provide a much needed facility allowing individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing to have a place to go, congregate, receive information, services, communicate with peers and participate fully in our community.

Access Alaska, Inc. is looking forward to partnering with the DDCC to enhance services and support for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing into the future.

Sincerely,

Kerry L. Tumbow
Acting Executive Director
Access Alaska, Inc.

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Denali Deaf Community Center

LETTERS OF SUPPORT



Aaron Stribling
Board President, DDCC
223 E 5th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99501

March 7, 2014

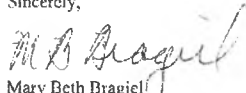
Mr. Stribling:

This letter is written in support of the future Denali Deaf Community Center (DDCC). The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) sees this as a valuable service particularly to those experiencing homelessness and who are at risk of homelessness.

There are many ASI users in the homeless/at risk community who would benefit from the services provided by the DDCC. It is a very important bridge to accessing services, trust and independence. At the 2014 Project Homeless Connect (an annual event run by ACEH), an ASL interpreter's services were utilized by a number of individuals. This assistance allowed the hearing impaired clients to maximize the services at the event. Said one observer: "It was powerful to witness."

ACEH would like to wish the DDCC much success. If there is an opportunity for ACEH to further support your efforts, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Mary Beth Bragiel
Chair

P.O. Box 243041 Anchorage, AK 99524 * (907) 222-7309 * www.anchoragehomeless.org



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Clare House

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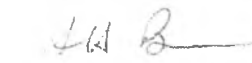
March 7, 2014

Mr. Stribling:

This letter is written in support of the future Denali Deaf Community Center (DDCC). Catholic Social Services serves a number of hearing impaired individuals through our eight programs. Day to day activities can be difficult for this population. For deaf individuals who are also homeless or on the verge of homelessness, the obstacles can seem insurmountable. The support that the DDCC will offer to this community will be invaluable.

Thanks to you and the other DDCC Board members for taking on the task of this important work.

Sincerely,


Susan H. Bomalaski, PhD, LPC
Executive Director

Providing Help
Creating Hope



LETTERS OF SUPPORT



2221 East Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 108
Anchorage, AK 99508
Phone 907-562-7019
Fax 907-344-7284
VP 866-915-9716

February 1st, 2014

Denali Deaf Community Center
Mr. Aaron Stribling, President, Board of Trustees
223 East 5th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Aaron,

The Board & staff of Alyeska Vocational Services (AVS) are sending this letter of support expressing our full endorsement and commitment to the future Denali Deaf Community Center (DDCC).

AVS, as contractors for the AK Bridges Deaf Navigator Program, see every day the tremendous need for social services to support deaf in our Alaskan communities. As well, we encounter the ongoing need for community education. The DDCC seems profoundly necessary, and will contribute towards helping to fix a broken service system by enhancing communication & community participation for deaf in our communities.

Sincerely,

Bill Munson
Executive Director
Alyeska Vocational Services

For more information about the project:
website: www.alaksadeafcenter.org
email: alaskadeafcenter@gmail.com
Video Phone: 907-268-5520
Communications: media.denalidcc@gmail.com

RE TPS 62205 ROSSIA for St Nicholas Preservation

Richard Dauenhauer
3740 N. Douglas Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801
586-4708

I'm here to ask the house finance committee to restore to the budget as much as possible of TPS # 62205: ROSSIA, Request for preservation work at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. This was dropped from the Senate version.

I realize that given the current financial situation, it is unrealistic to hope for all of the \$50,000 request, but I hope that some of it can be restored.

This would demonstrate State support for preservation of an important historic site in Juneau, a block from the Capitol, and a major visitor destination. Even a small amount of legislative support would help us raise additional matching funds.

I have additional background information on the project if you would like me to leave it with you.

Thank you for inviting public testimony.

TPS # 62205: ROSSIA Request for Preservation Work at St Nicholas Orthodox Church
Additional and Background Information

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February 2, 2014

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Juneau, AK 99801

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Julia Erickson, Parish Council President



January 31, 2014

Ms. Sheri Buretta
Chairperson – ROSSIA, Inc.

Please accept this letter in support of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Juneau in their preservation efforts with ROSSIA, Inc. (Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska). A grant from the Alaska State Legislature will assist in financial necessary restoration and preservation efforts to this church.

The restoration and preservation of Juneau's only Orthodox church (and the oldest continually functioning Orthodox church building in Southeast Alaska) will assure its continued presence as a visitor attraction and opportunity for education regarding the Russian presence in 19th-century Alaska. This unique structure and the central location of St. Nicholas make it a popular stop on city walking and driving tours and greatly adds to the unique flavor of downtown Juneau.

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The Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau urges the Alaska State Legislature to approve grant monies for ROSSIA, Inc. so St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church will continue to flourish.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wojeschke
President/CEO

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February 6, 2014

To The Legislative Body of the State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

It has come to our attention that an appropriation request is being submitted to the Legislature by the Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska (ROSSIA) organization for work to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Juneau. Immediately needed work to the Church includes the replacement of the foundation of the chapel and site drainage improvements. As the principal non-profit, statewide organization advocating and promoting preservation of historic sites and structures in Alaska, the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) wishes to convey its strong support for ROSSIA's funding request.

With well over two hundred years of tradition in Alaska, the Russian Orthodox Church has left an historic imprint over much of our state, and many of its churches continue to be a vital part of communities throughout the state. Six church properties are listed as National Historic Landmarks, the nation's highest category of recognition for historical significance, and twenty-three are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Beyond these twenty-nine listed properties, another half dozen or so have already succumbed to the ravages of time and harsh Alaskan weather and will go unrecognized due to their advanced loss of material integrity. A full list of church properties is available at www.rossialaska.org/churches.

The importance of this legacy is illustrated by a variety of Russian Orthodox church properties such as St. Michael's Cathedral in Sitka, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Juneau, St. George the Great Martyr Church on St. George Island, Presentation of Our Lord Chapel in Nikolai, St. Nicholas Chapel in Igiugig, and Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in Pilot Station, to name a few. These properties continue to actively represent a vital part of Alaskans' historical and spiritual culture, particularly in many of our smaller bush communities.

Over the past ten years, ROSSIA has proven itself to be an organization that is very capable of planning and executing important restoration and preservation projects. Their most recent project at Holy Assumption Church in Kenai successfully implemented some much needed structural repairs that were funded, in part, by a federal grant.

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We believe ROSSIA's funding request will be well used to implement further work at the Holy Assumption Orthodox Church in Kenai, a National Historic Landmark.

AAHP appreciates your sincere attention to this request.

Kind regards,

Anne Elise Pollnow, AAHP President

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TPS Number: 62205

Priority: 1

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Named Recipient (AS 37.05.316)

Federal Tax ID: 71-0879791

Grant Recipient: ROSSIA Inc.

FY2015 State Funding Request: \$50,000

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

St. Nicholas Orthodox church has civil and structural design drawings in hand to replace the chapel foundation, seismically upgrade the rectory foundation and improve site drainage to mitigate moisture problems in both buildings. Partners and community members are in support with financial and in-kind assistance.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$168,500
Funding Already Secured:	(\$118,500)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Explanation of Other Funds:

Rasmuson Foundation (2013) - \$118,500

Structural design - foundation and drainage:

National Trust for Historic Preservation (2013) - \$5,000

Parish donations (2013) - \$5,000

Rasmuson Foundation (2013) - \$3,300

Rasmuson Foundation (2012 - \$18,215 & 2013 - \$141,800).

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Restitution Trust (2013 - \$10,000).

National Trust for Historic Preservation (2010 - \$5,000).

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (2010 - \$4,000).

State of Alaska (2012 - \$50,000).

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

History and background:

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in downtown Juneau is a landmark like no other in Juneau, with few like it in Alaska. It represents some of the oldest remaining structures in Alaska and holds a place on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1894 and with an active parish today, it holds 120 years of history, culture and worship in Alaska. To lose this landmark because of neglect and decay would be a significant cultural and historical loss to Juneauites, Alaskans, and travelers interested in historical, cultural and educational tourism.

We are entering a critical point in the preservation of St. Nicholas. Phase one of the work has been completed, with the help of Rasmuson Foundation, partner organizations, the State of Alaska, and individual donors (see funding sources and dates above). This work included the preservation assessment, inspection of the foundation, re-roofing of the rectory and narthex, reconstruction of the bell tower support beams, and refurbishment and reinstallation of the bell.

St. Nicholas is "shovel ready" for phase two, including 1) the repair and replacement of the foundation and improvements for adequate site drainage, and 2) the design and installation of a state-of-the-art fire suppression system.

ROSSIA, Inc. is requesting this CAPSIS grant to share expenses for foundation repair and replacement and site drainage at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Juneau. We have dedicated funds from Rasmuson Foundation to begin this work.

Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska (ROSSIA), Inc., is an Alaskan non-profit whose mission is to preserve Alaska's Russian Orthodox Churches and Iconography. We have successfully administered several State of Alaska grants, including a 2013 grant for preservation work on Holy Assumption Orthodox Church in Kenai. Our work is of the highest quality in historic preservation; it is a model in collaboration between historic architects, parishioners, Native organizations, and anthropologists; and the vast majority of work is contracted to Alaskans.

Specifics on Foundation Repair/Replacement and Site Drainage:

Inadequate site drainage has been affecting the foundations of both the St. Nicholas Chapel and rectory for many years. The soil is so moist it has jeopardized the foundation. The chapel lacks an adequate seismic connection between the building and foundation. The piers do not have footings and are not secured to the foundation posts.

This project is very timely because ROSSIA received funding from Rasmuson Foundation in order to begin the work to replace the unstable foundation supporting the chapel and assist with site drainage improvements. The critical first step of structural design was completed in 2013 through a \$5,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which was matched with \$5,000 from the Parish of St. Nicholas.

With the help of the State of Alaska request in this application, foundation repair/replacement and site drainage improvements can proceed in tandem, which will minimize disruption to the site and enable us to coordinate archaeological monitoring for ground disturbing activities.

Budget detail:

Total Project Cost: \$168,000

Rasmuson dedicated funds for this specific project from 2013 Tier II award: \$118,500

State request: \$50,000

Project Timeline:

Planning and design:

Ground breaking - April, 2014

Dirt work - Summer, 2014

Project completion and clean up - Fall, 2014

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Sheri Buretta
Address: 19530 Wingham Circle
Eagle River, AK 99577
Phone Number: (907)227-0595
Email: sburetta@chugach-ak.com

This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church – Juneau



Built in 1893 - National Register of Historic Places

ROSSIA, Inc and St. Nicholas parish successfully restored and reinstalled the bell and frame over the narthex in November, 2012 and re-roofed the rectory in 2013.

Working together, ROSSIA, Inc and the St. Nicholas parish have made a plan and are poised for the bulk of preservation work to begin.

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Preservation Work for St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Contact: Richard Dauenhauer 586-4708 for further information

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Sheri Buretta,
Chair

December 2, 2013

Dorothy Gray,
Treasurer

Greetings to you from ROSSIA!

Rebecca Shaffer,
Secretary

Our organization is grateful for many blessings this year, and we thank the organizations, parishes, community members, and professionals supporting ROSSIA's work as we move into our next decade.

Tara Bourdukofsky

ROSSIA was successful in securing two major grants to support our work in the historic preservation of Russian Orthodox churches and iconography. Many thanks to Rasmuson Foundation for the Tier 2 grant and to the State of Alaska for its designated legislative funding! With these two grants of \$495,000 and \$230,000, respectively, we have moved forward with a large portion of work on Holy Assumption in Kenai and St. Nicholas in Juneau.

Ana Dittmar

Andrew Guy

Vanessa Norman

Skye Sturm

Ex officio:

Bishop Elect,
Archimandrite David,
Chancellor and
Administrator, Diocese
of Sitka and Alaska

Grant funds for Holy Assumption in Kenai were designated for the construction of a mechanical outbuilding, which is nearing completion. This building houses mechanical components for the church, including a fire suppression system, a restroom, and a gift shop. Construction of the outbuilding began this summer and contractors are currently painting the interior. Completed work to-date includes design, excavation, sidewalks, foundation, roofing, wall framing, rough in for the fire suppression system and drywall. We're looking forward to inviting you to a ribbon cutting this Spring!



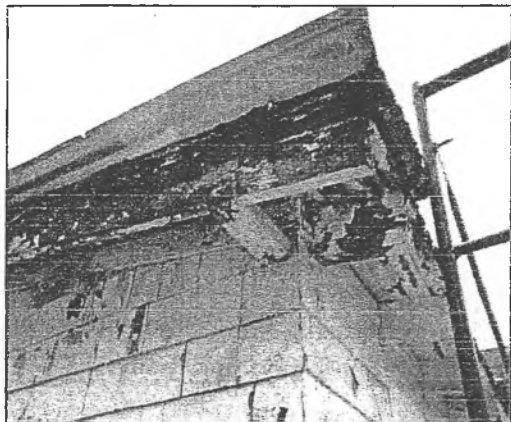
New mechanical outbuilding for Holy Assumption

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St. Nicholas Orthodox church and rectory rank among the oldest of Alaska's historic properties, and St. Nicholas is on the National Register of Historic Places. We are happy to announce the preservation design and construction work at St. Nicholas is officially moving into phase 2, with the re-roofing of the rectory complete, and work in the wings to replace the foundation, improve site drainage, and begin work on the installation of a state of the art fire suppression system.



St. Nicholas rectory roof in poor condition



New roof on the St. Nicholas rectory

We are so pleased that the work toward our mission is continuing with the help of Rasmuson Foundation, the State of Alaska, and the continued technical assistance from the National Park Service. But we could not even begin our work without the support of our community and parish members. Alaska's Russian Orthodox Churches are some of the oldest existing buildings in our state. Many are in active use and in grave states of disrepair. Our plans for work are driven by history and the elements, and our time for restoration is now.

Preservation needs are many, and the following are included in our immediate plans:

- Completion of fire suppression systems in Holy Assumption and St. Nicholas
- Replacing the foundation for the St. Nicholas chapel
- Condition Assessment and recommendations for treatment for Ascension of Our Lord Chapel in Karluk
- Design and installation of a fire suppression system for Holy Ascension in Unalaska

We invite you to join with us in this important work by making a financial contribution to ROSSIA, Inc. Donations can be made by mailing a personal check or by credit card through our website www.rossialaska.org/support.

Many thanks for your generosity and support!

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**Re: K-20 STEAM Education Component of BAKLAP
Capital Budget Item: Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production
One-time completion funding request for \$700,000**

Testimony submitted by Jan Dawe, Co-Director of BAKLAP, and
Director, K-20 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Education Component
April 15, 2014

THIS PACKET INCLUDES:

Pages 1-2: BAKLAP Program Highlights
Pages 3-6: CAPSIS Information

BENEFITS IF BAKLAP'S K-20 STEAM EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES COMPLETION FUNDING:

- 1) COMPLETION OF THE TASKS THE LEGISLATURE REQUESTED SINCE THE PROJECT WAS FUNDED IN 2012

(SEE K-20 STEAM EDUCATION TABLE ON PAGE 2 OF THIS PACKET FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE-ASSESSMENT RESEARCH PROJECT)

- 2) COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT WILL PLACE ALASKA IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR THESE TYPES OF SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON A NATIONAL LEVEL

(SINCE BAKLAP WAS FUNDED, THE PROJECT HAS BEEN FEATURED ON A NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION WEBPAGE; STAFF HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT SEVERAL STEM EDUCATION CONFERENCES AS WELL AS HELP ORGANIZE A NATIONAL CONFERENCE, BECAUSE)

CONSEQUENCES IF BAKLAP'S K-20 STEAM EDUCATION PROGRAM DOESN'T RECEIVE COMPLETION FUNDING:

BAKLAP is 100% grant-supported. Without BAKLAP funding to bring the project's work to its planned completion, BAKLAP's K-20 STEAM Education component will cease to function. The development of curriculum kits as the carrier of the OneTree's activities and lesson plans, and an assessment study to help the state develop performance-based educational standards will be terminated. The teacher-researcher group would not be able to continue its work. The project's robust and rigorous outreach efforts, would fail.

In brief, further consequences would include:

- Cessation of educational research on performance-assessment for Alaska
- Loss of K-12 professional development courses
- Loss of development of new university service learner course
- Loss of national leadership in the STEM to STEAM community
- Teachers and students revert to older, less effective educational methods.

Parts 1 and 2 of the BAKLAP project:
Accomplishments (BAKLAP 1) and priorities (BAKLAP 2) for each funding increment

The two tables below:

- The upper one for the Forest and Biomass Research component of the project.
- The lower one for the Education (= K-20 STEAM Education) component of the project.

compare accomplishments made to date by “BAKLAP 1” with the first increment of the overall BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation Production) project, with priorities for “BAKLAP 2” which will only move forward if the completion funding currently sought is appropriated.

In each table, the columns refer to:

- **BAKLAP 1** (left hand column): accomplishments made during the first 21 months of the project. BAKLAP 1 is working with the first increment of funding received (\$1 million of the original project proposal of \$1.7 million; or ±60% of the anticipated project need for 5 years)
- **BAKLAP 2** (right hand column): priorities for the remainder of the project, if the \$700K currently proposed in CAPSIS, is appropriated via the capital budget during the 2014 legislative session.

Forests and Biomass	
BAKLAP 1	BAKLAP 2
Has conducted the first systematic assessment of forest regrowth on state harvest units in Alaska’s boreal forest since statehood.	Will support the completion of analysis and publication of the regeneration results.
Has relocated several important older research plots and recovered data from them.	Would allow remeasurements and updated analysis of these forest management facilities. This will document for the first time how much biomass managed forests can produce decades after being established.
Has uncovered important information about forest insect effects on growth.	Will use this information to develop tools to anticipate and predict the effects of insects on future forest yields.
Is identifying which state forests management practices produce acceptable tree regrowth.	Will compare costs and identify which state forest management practices produce an acceptable return on the investment.
Has identified the how and where recent environmental change is improving and or decreasing tree growth.	Will analyze the results and provide practical advice to foresters.

Education	
BAKLAP 1	BAKLAP 2
Has formed partnerships with 12 schools, more than 30 teachers, and has become an important part of the curriculum for nearly 1000 K-12 students.	Will use the results of this extensive experience to develop a model curriculum and teacher training materials.
Has stimulated students at all grade levels and helped them develop new abilities to learn and study.	Will conduct a systematic, evidence-based assessment of the effectiveness of its unique approaches.
Has brought a new group of university students from natural resources into elementary and secondary education as service learners.	Will develop new courses with Schools of Education to cross-train pre-service teachers in science content and teaching methods.
Has received national recognition for its innovative “whole-system” approach to education.	Will provide the support to package its educational successes for wider use across the country.

Agency: Natural Resources

Project Title:

Project Type: Planning and Research

BAK LAP: Upgrade Forest Research Installations for Wood Biomass Energy, Products, Science Education.

Project Sponsor(s):

House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)

Representative Isaacson
Representative Kawasaki
Senator Bishop
Senator Coghill

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One-Time Need

District Priority:

Brief Project Description:

Boreal Alaska - Learning, Adaptation, Production (BAK LAP) - Updating state forest research installations to define best management practices to meet new forest product demands, particularly wood biomass energy. Concurrently implement Project OneTree Alaska for teaching K-12 math and science concepts by developing full-scale forest field facilities and project-based curriculum.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,166,486
Funding Already Secured:	(\$1,466,486)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$700,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

FY 2013 \$1,000,000 Capital Budget

Funding Details:

PHASE I - Establishment and initial survival: \$488,454 (\$395,454 State of Alaska capital appropriations in 1983, 84, 85, 86 and 90).

PHASE II - Survival and early growth: \$200,000 (USGS revegetation scientist, 75% of time for 4 yrs).

PHASE III - Proof of concept: Relocation, georegistration, and canopy closure: \$367,438 (USGS and UAF)

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This is a proposal for a \$700,000 capital appropriation from the Alaska Legislature to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, to be contracted to the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, University of Alaska Fairbanks. The purpose of the "Boreal Alaska Learning, Adaptation, and Production" (BAK LAP) project is to:

1. Upgrade Alaska forest research facilities, to improve the value of Alaska's forests in meeting the rapidly expanding demand for wood energy biomass in a changing environment, and to
2. Improve STEM teaching and learning outcomes by developing a model integrated K-12 curriculum based on hands-on experiences with the Alaskan boreal forest through

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inquiry science and art.

On September 20, 2013 the BAKLAP investigator team (Dr. Glenn Juday, Dr. Jan Dawe) conducted a 4 hour field investigation and report to the Alaska Interior Legislative delegation on project BAKLAP (see agenda -- Table FE X). At the end of the 2012 legislative session that funded BAKLAP at 60% of the requested amount, which represents the current appropriation of \$1.0 mill. The legislators involved directed the BAKLAP proposers to conduct the project for a year and then report back for an evaluation of the project and the proposal for its completion. BAKLAP became fully operational in fall of 2012, so fall 2013 represented the 1-year milestone for reporting and evaluation.

Several legislators commented that the research being done and the data being collected would be extremely helpful in documenting to critical federal agencies Alaska is managing its forest resources in a responsible, beneficial, and sound scientific manner.

Project Description

BAK LAP will be carried out by two principal developments:

Updating and repurposing state forest research installations and establishing species trials. This upgrade will define and verify management techniques that best meet new forest product demands, particularly wood biomass energy, despite a shifting environment.

Integrating and implementing OneTree Alaska in K-12 classrooms and common garden trials. OneTree Alaska expands Alaska's K-12 standards-based science curriculum through collaborations among K-12 schools, the University of Alaska, and rural and urban communities with hands-on science learning and entrepreneurial skill development.

Research and Adaptation Facilities. The upgrades to state forest research installations will consist of new measurements, geo-referencing, permanent markings, and database development on a network of plots and stands previously established by state capital appropriations in the 1980s. The state of Alaska is principally responsible for providing these forestry facilities in boreal Alaska because the federal government terminated its main forestry research lab and program twenty years ago. Species and management practices that were appropriate for the circumstances of decades ago when the installations were established have not been verified for the new products and environment of today. Collecting these measurements and conducting evaluations will provide the basis for defining best management practices for the new products, especially biomass, in today's shifting environment. These facilities are essential to achieve local self-reliance in energy production using wood biomass and to avoid forest management practices likely to fail in Alaska's changing environment.

Education and Outreach Infrastructure. OneTree Alaska was originally designed as a short-term community outreach effort to demonstrate the diversity of products that could be produced from a single birch tree, and has become a much acclaimed partnership for teaching integrative K-12 curriculum. In OneTree Alaska, students learn by making products from forest resources and participating as citizen scientists in common garden (tests or trials of trees) research efforts.

The real-world experiences of working with trees and making products from them engages students and produces superior learning and retention of math and science skills, an area where Alaska educational outcomes are lagging. The demonstration phase of OneTree Alaska, which employs best educational practices for science and math, has generated a great deal of interest from communities, school districts, teachers and researchers. BAK LAP represents the next step in development of a full-scale set of facilities and project-based curriculum, aligned with federal and state science standards, and designed to meet 21st century workforce needs. BAK LAP was conceived as the perfect opportunity to address two

critical state needs in one integrated project.

Budget

BAK LAP is a program to integrate researchers, educators, and forest managers with local forest using communities and biomass energy production. BAK LAP will be implemented in two components (1) Research and Adaptation (RAD) and (2) Education and Outreach (EOR). Both components involve direct interactions and linkages among schools, forest managers, and scientists. The BAK LAP program is based on a four-year time horizon. The budget is front-end loaded to rapidly identify best management practices from state forest research facilities for wood energy biomass and to broaden the impacts of OneTree Alaska's science education and entrepreneurial programs.

The appropriation to DNR will support a contract with the University of Alaska Fairbanks' (UAF) Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, which has a long history of establishing forest research facilities with DNR. The Experiment Station is responsible for data collection and analysis for a network of state forest research facilities including forest growth and yield, regeneration, and forest health. OneTree Alaska has been developed and implemented through UAF's School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences and collaborations with numerous educators and volunteers. Once the state of Alaska funds the basic support for these facilities and measurements, a number of state priority needs will be met. In addition, this appropriation will establish a strong platform for obtaining larger, competitively funded education and research grants that will use and expand the basic work and facilities.

BAK LAP will be led by Dr. Glenn Juday (Professor of Forest Ecology UAF), who directed the successful Rosie Creek Fire Research project funded by a previous state capital appropriation in cooperation with DNR. The EOR and RAD components will be managed by Drs. Janice Dawe and Thomas A. Grant III, respectively. The BAK LAP appropriation request totals \$700,000, approximately equally divided between the EOR and RAD components. As a contract with a state agency, state regulations provide for a 25% indirect cost recovery for UAF.

Personnel items include RAD work led by the Research and Adaptation Scientist and the following support staff: Forest Products Scientist, Tree Ring Specialist, two summer field technicians, and one graduate student in forest measurements.

The EOR work component includes a OneTree Alaska Program Director and the following support staff: Project Manager, two Lead Educators, and limited salary support for an Art Director, two Curriculum Development Co-Leads, Lead Trainer for summer teacher institute, and a Data Management Specialist. BAK LAP work will be performed on state-owned forest lands, in schools, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The travel budget provides support for on-site work at schools, collecting data at research facilities, meetings with state officials, and presenting results at scientific meetings. Services and supplies include classroom rental fees and insurance, research and tree measurement instruments, plot markers and aerial imagery, and hiring consultants with expertise in forest products.

Project Timeline:

Year 1 (FY 2013) - 40%
 Year 2 (FY 2014) - 25%
 Year 3 (FY 2015) - 25%
 Year 4 (FY 2016) - 10%

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

UAF, Alaska Division of Forestry, school districts

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Attached are photos of additional churches where ROSSIA restoration is also in progress, or the initial project stages are projected.

Saint Sergius of Radonezh Orthodox Chapel – Chuathbaluk



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Saint Sergius of Radonezh Chapel (NPS, HABS)

Built in 1900 – National Register of Historic Places

Original logs used for a reconstruction in 1955

Goal of ROSSIA, Inc. is to see this church restored to its original beauty and preserved for use by the community of Chuathbaluk.

Funds needed for

- assessment, design, construction, and icon restoration
- immediate stabilization of the roof and foundation

Old Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church -- Eklutna



<http://www.stnicholaseklutna.org>

Built circa 1870 - National Register of Historic Places

Iconostasis remains intact with the original icons

Goal of ROSSIA, Inc. is to see this church restored to its original beauty and preserved for the community of Eklutna.

Funds needed for

- assessment, design, construction, and icon restoration
- immediate stabilization of the roof, foundation, and bell tower

Ascension of Our Lord Chapel -- Karluk



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Ascension of Our Lord Chapel (NPS, HABS)

Built in 1888 - National Register of Historic Places

Closed in 2006 for health and safety issues

Goal of ROSSIA, Inc. is to see this church restored to its original beauty and preserved for use by the community of Karluk.

Funds needed for

- assessment, design, construction, and icon restoration
- immediate stabilization of the roof and foundation
- upgrades to the electrical system

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church – Kenai



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Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church (NPS, HABS)

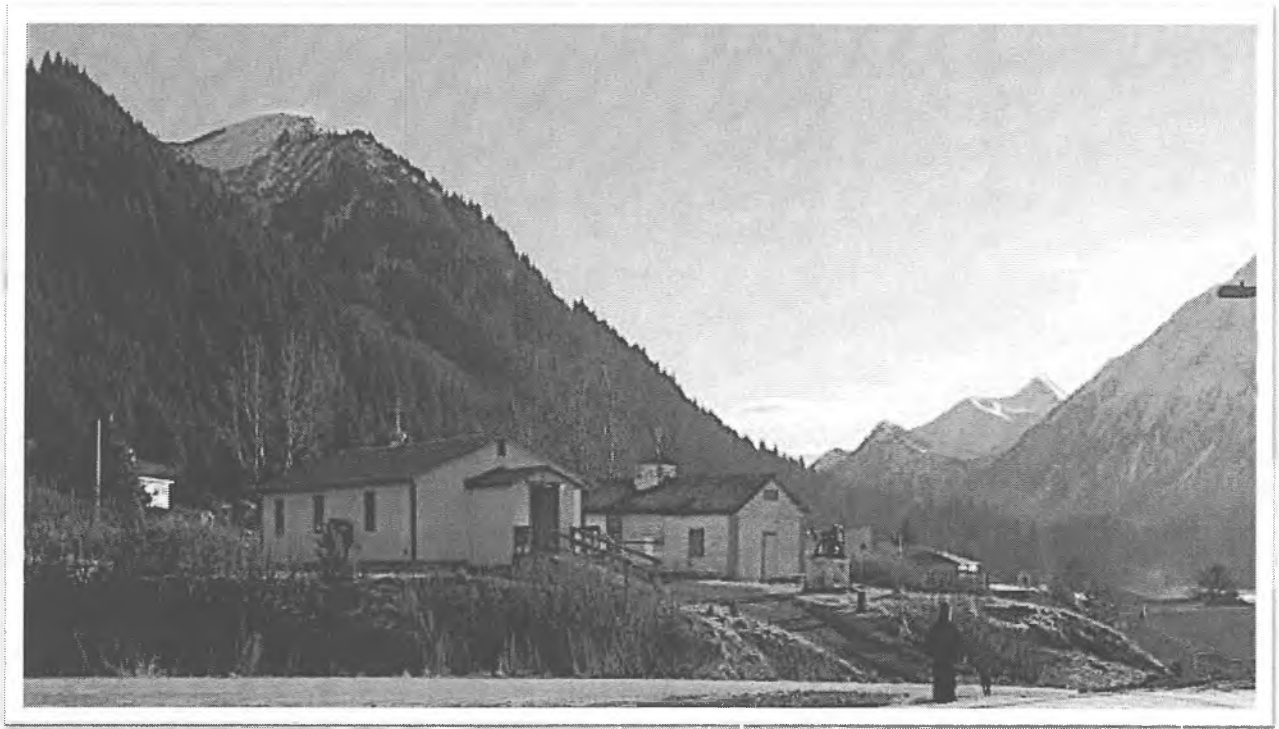
Built in 1896 - National Historic Landmark

Principal and most enduring representative of Russian culture in
Southcentral Alaska

ROSSIA, Inc and the Holy Assumption parish have worked together to
complete the following:

- secured the building to foundation and stabilized rotten log walls and
- repaired the front porch and developed an accessible entry into the church.
- constructed an outbuilding to house mechanical room, restroom and gift shop
- begun work on fire suppression system

Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Church -- Nanwalek



<http://dioceseofalaksa.org>

Built in 1870 and rebuilt in 1930 - National Historic Site

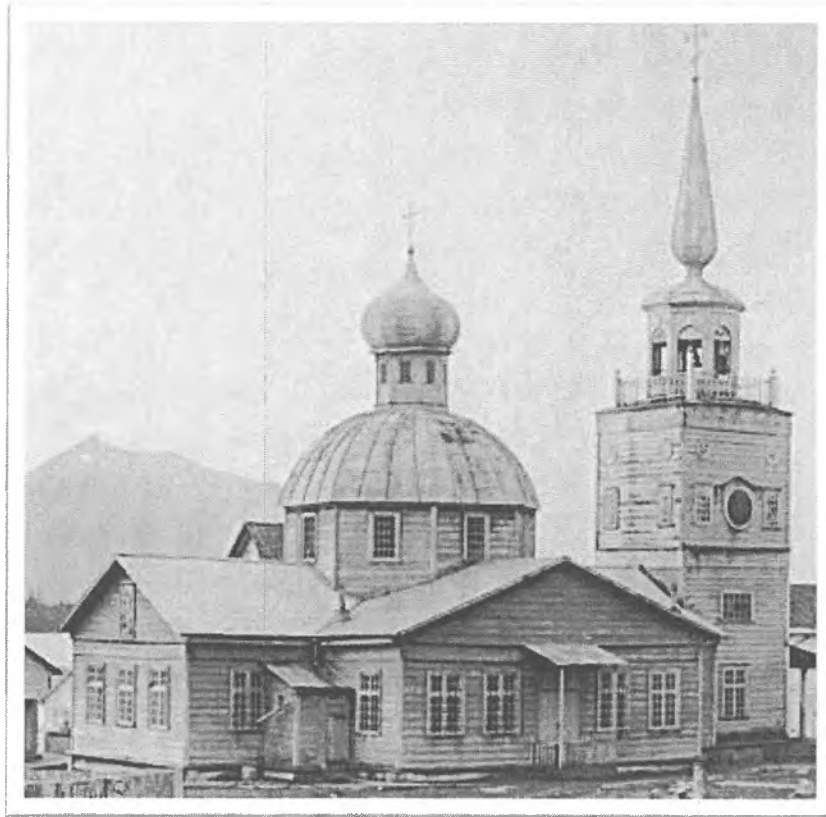
Active parish and community committed to the historic preservation of their church.

Goal of ROSSIA, Inc. is to see this church restored to its original beauty and preserved for use by the community of Nanwalek.

Funds needed for

- assessment, design, construction, and icon restoration
- immediate stabilization of the roof and foundation

Saint Michael's Cathedral – Sitka



Southern Methodist University, Central University Libraries, DeGolyer Library

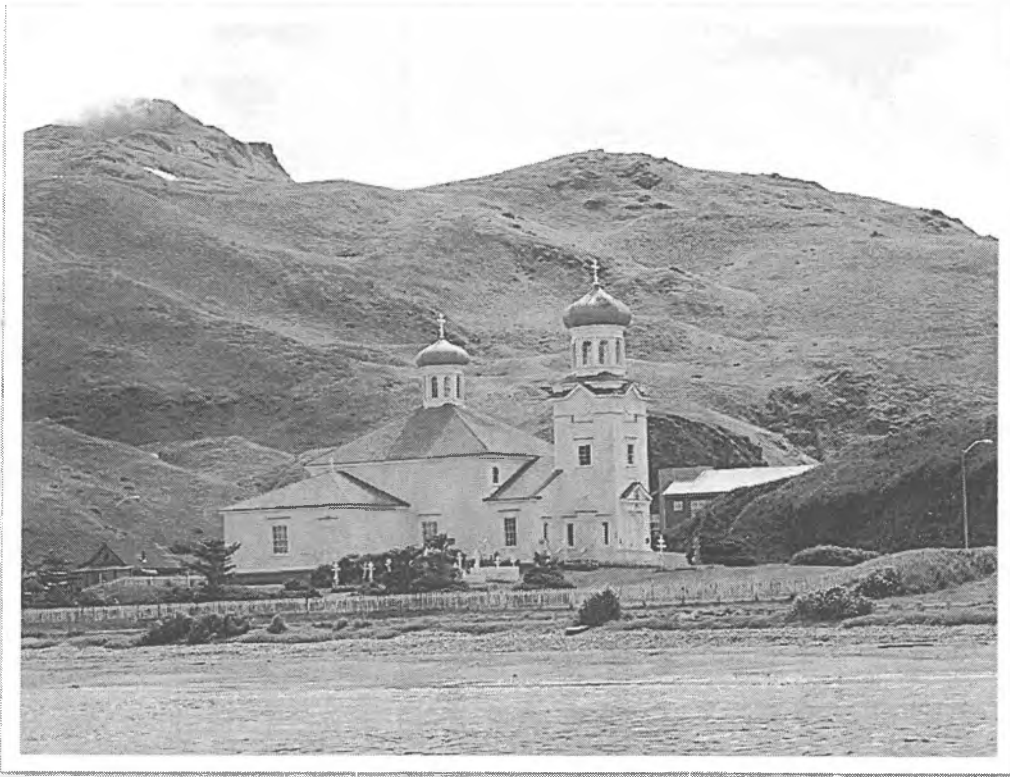
Built in 1840 - National Historic Landmark

Seat of the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska

ROSSIA, Inc and St. Michael's parish have successfully completed projects concerning accessibility and the state of the bell and belfry.

Working together, ROSSIA, Inc and the St. Michael's parish are poised for the bulk of preservation work to begin.

Holy Ascension Orthodox Church – Unalaska



Holy Ascension Orthodox Church – photo from Creative Commons: Brendan Minish

Built in 1896 – National Register of Historic Places

Goal of ROSSIA, Inc. is to see this church restored to its original beauty and preserved for use by the community of Unalaska.

Funds needed for

- assessment, design, construction, and icon restoration
- fire suppression

This 5 million contained in SB 119 and added to Capital Budget Bill would help a lot of people who have been sick, abused and have their trauma childhood and adult stories. It's been 28 years I have housed poor people and helped them get on their feet. Several years I have worked with Partners for Progress, Wellness Court and Mental Health Consumer Web. April 21st will be our 10 year anniversary of Back to Work Network. Then I saw other conferences costing hundreds. I learned how to put on the best

event to help primarily women get on
Their feet. Nancy Heckman top supervisor and
Manda O'Quiscal Employment Security Specialist for
Department ^{of labor} have always given my conference state clearance.
Tomorrow you will receive 3 flyers for 3 Models of events
already done that can be implemented. Sep 21st, 2009 we
had 28 homeless, Inebriat, alcohol and drug adicted people. After
receiving Counseling, haircuts, Make up, Career Fair and
like new clothing many of them returned to evening career show and entertain-
ment. My on site hands on Running of Regina's House
has taught me AA, Detox are manditory 1st steps.
Monthly Conferences can reach larger numbers and give
proper Counseling, job understanding and re entry to society.
I have 5 inches of Binders with references, Partners, Volunteers,
Donators and make over experts. Sincerely Regina
Manteufel



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Job fair positions women to succeed

■ **OPPORTUNITY:** Two-day event offers chance to leave desperate straits behind.

By **ROSE COX**
Anchorage Daily News

When Regina Manteufel encounters women who are homeless, on welfare or making a living as prostitutes or strippers, she sees desperate people who are just one good job opportunity away from getting control of their lives.

Manteufel (pronounced "Mon-toy-fl") worked as a dancer at area adult clubs in the '80s to put herself through college. The voice of experience rings true when she talks about missed opportunities and the degrading circumstances she sometimes found herself in.

Her approach to solving the problems these women face begins with a personal understanding of the psychology that lands them in difficult positions in the first place and proceeds to the practical — a pair of low-heeled dress shoes, a wool blazer, a good haircut, a well-written resume.

To that end, she and other like-minded individuals have organized a two-day job fair that touches on the basics and then some.

The event offers information from job agencies to help



BOB HALLINEN / Anchorage Daily News

placement and training. Women prepare for traditional and non-traditional jobs, resume writing workshops and information on how to get a general equivalency degree and apply for college grants. But it takes an extra step toward reality when it comes to landing a job.

Following the workshop on resume writing, participants will write their own. Mock interviews will alert participants to expected etiquette. The agenda includes makeup demonstrations and haircuts for those who need them. Numerous people have donated career clothing and shoes.

In addition to promoting the fair through job and learning centers, organizers have targeted under-age strip clubs and homeless centers, handing out fliers in bars and providing them to agencies that provide programs for women.

Mandi O'Driscoll, employment security specialist for the Department of Labor, routinely encounters people in desperate straits at the Anchorage Job Center in Midtown. She and other staff members will lead workshops Monday on getting and keeping a job.

"Women in particular have issues that need to be resolved before they can even think of finding a job," she said, such as how they're going to feed their children

today, who's going to watch them while they're at an interview, how they're going to get an outfit to wear for the interview.

"If you're worried about basic survival skills, those needs need to be met before you can get a plan to change your life," O'Driscoll said.

Searching for a job is time-consuming and stressful at best, she said.

"And I think people lose hope, too. There's nothing in the world like looking for a job, putting your best self out there and getting rejected. If you have other issues, it makes it extremely difficult."

Manteufel hopes this job fair leads to others geared specifically toward women in peril.

"Nobody has held a conference and invited these women," she said. "Then they say, 'Why do they fall through the cracks?' I'm breaking that circle."

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HELPING WOMEN FIND JOBS

☎ **JOB FAIR FOR WOMEN** ages 17 and older will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Club Square, 233 W. Fourth Ave., Suite 201. The admission fee, \$20 for both days, includes the Monday luncheon, noon-1 p.m., with guest speaker Margaret Warner, plumber, heavy equipment operator and winner of the Small Business Administration's 2007 Southern Arizona Small Business of the Year award. Grants are available for those who cannot afford the admission fee. Registration forms are available at Community House, Gateway Learning Center, Mary MacCallister House, Homeless Board, SAVE High School, Alaska Women's Network and other agencies that provide programs for women 17 and older. Registration is also available at the door and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. today at the Ladies Lions Club, 2021 Mountain View Drive. For registration forms, call 277-6642.

☎ **Entrepreneur Magazine** is recruiting hair stylists to act as models for Monday and Tuesday participants to donate several hundred haircuts and supplies for the conference, including legal pads, appointment books, small calculators, HP 1110 ink and 100 binders with pockets. Also needed are job-related dress shoes

and new polycotton or all-cotton women size and petite career clothing and copies of "How Jobs Work" by Sylvia Nungs and other women's business or leadership books. To donate, call Regina Manteufel at 275-4904.

Cash donations to defray conference costs may be mailed to the job fair sponsor, Fairway Lions Club, c/o Regina Manteufel, 1121 E. 10th Ave., Anchorage 99503.

☎ **ESSENTIAL** travel outfits are listed at Anchorage Job Center in Midtown, 289-2302, and talk to Grants Jackson or Mandi O'Driscoll at the Midtown number, 209-4831.

☎ **Food at Home** America's largest 501(c)(3) nonprofit created by the Alaska Native Urban Concerns Committee and published by the Safe City Program, municipal Department of Health and Human Services, is a free, comprehensive guide with 250 listings of local agencies that offer help with alcohol and drug addiction, child care, family and youth services, mental counseling, education services, employment training, housing, health care and other services. More than 30,000 copies were distributed last year. To receive a copy, call 243-3786, or see a copy online at www.muni.org/healthand/safe_public.htm.

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15 April 2014

To: Members of the House Finance Committee

From: Don Rogers, MD

Subj: Partners for Progress \$600,000 grant

Dear Representatives Neuman, Edgmon, Holmes, Costello,
Munoz, Thompson, T. Wilson, Hattenberg, and Hawker:

Several months ago, Partners for Progress - the group that promotes wellness courts - started a project in association with Alaska Native Justice Center and Nine-Star Employment called Partners Reentry Center. Our goal is to reduce recidivism and, therefore, reduce the cost of incarceration. The experiment needs to run for several years, however, before success can be proven. The response thus far has been very encouraging.

I urge you to appropriate next years \$600,000 grant. The Senate Finance Committee included this item in SB119. Please keep it in the House version,

Sincerely yours,
Donald R. Rogers, MD



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on SB 119 dated 4.14.2014
Bill/Subject

≡ No money for Susitna Dam proposal ≡

I want to commend the Senate Finance Committee for removing the ~~supplemental~~ funding for Susitna Watana proposed dam, from the Supplemental Budget.

Thank you

I continue to support NO Funding for the proposed dam on the Susitna, but rather use those monies for projects that are more socially, economically & environmentally sensible.

Signed: Sheyl Salasky
Testifier

self
Representing (Optional)

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Address

907 733-2402
Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
Committee name

Committee on Bill 119 - Sunita/Watana dated 4-14-14
Bill/Subject
Hydroelectric Dam

I've come to this public hearing (Wasilla, Alaska) to present my opposition to the allocation of \$10,000,000 to fund development of the Sunita-Watana Hydroelectric Project. Local sentiment is decidedly against this development, as I'm sure our State Representatives and Senators are well aware. My understanding is that the Alaska State Senate has declined funding the development, and recommend that the committee follow this wise and responsible action.

Thank you for considering this.

Signed: Mary Ellen Osland
Testifier

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I would like to OBJECT and OPPOSE any appropriation for the so-called Juneau Access.

1. This began as the Juneau Road and later became the Juneau Access Project.

In the very beginning, the people of the City of Juneau voted AGAINST this road and in fact, at the second time when the vote was taken—it was said that: "This Vote is for ALL-TIME," Also, Haines and Skagway people also voted against this road.

2. It's really SLICK POLITICS to put this project into the APPROPRIATIONS—when the people of the three cities directly impacted by it are left-out of hearings for this so-called project.

A Project that they're opposed to and seeking funding? Where are the TASK FORCES for this so-called project? Why doesn't the legislature go to these three areas and get testimonies? ~~Is it too hard to do?~~ Is this streamlined-Democracy? I've looked for hearings like this before and saw signs "Invited Testimony Only." is this the DEMOCRATIC PROCESS? Why NOT get the copies of the actual VOTES that the people cast against the Road?

3. Even later, when this became the Juneau Access project people still opposed it. There's also a film that was made against this Road, or Project, whichever you care to call it.

(INSTEAD OF ROADS)

4. The voters Statewide also voted for IMPROVED FERRY SERVICE and never got it. WHEN is this going to happen? There's a song by Johnny Mathis called "The 12th of Never" Is this when Alaska Voters will get IMPROVED FERRY SERVICE? ON THE 12th of NEVER? Is this what it means when a Lawmaker takes an Oath of Office to SUPPORT and DEFEND the Constitution? I thought the Constitution represented the people.

5. There was also a study done in 2002 that showed that 75% of the people wanted better road maintenance rather than new roads.

6. There are places where roads are really NEEDED like King Cove, I'm NOT opposed to that. Politicians are totally oblivious of the geography of this so-called project and they can't understand the people's opposition to it.

Signed, Albert Judson

Registered Voter

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Comments in the Public Record re BAKLAP:
Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production

A CAPSIS Project to Upgrade Forest Research Installations
for Wood Biomass Energy, Products, Science Education

One-time Need CAPSIS Funding Request for FY2015

Fiscal agent: Department of Natural Resources/Division of Forestry

Submitted to the House Finance Committee
During public testimony on the capital budget

April 14, 2014: 5:30 pm hearing

By Janice Dawe
Co-Principal Investigator of BAKLAP-
Director, BAKLAP's K-20 STEAM Education Component

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April 14, 2014

Dear **Legislative Information Offices,**

I want to make the following comment part of the public record. Please circulate my comment to the House Finance Committee and the Interior Alaska Delegation.

Please continue to fund BAKLAP. I was born and raised in Alaska, but I went out of the state for college and graduate school. In 2010 OneTree invited me to return to Fairbanks to teach art and science to educators and k-12 students. I loved doing germination experiments with students of all ages and teaching sculpture, painting, drawing, weaving and engineering. I was so inspired by the program that I decided to become a classroom teacher myself. I completed a Masters of Education at UAF and now I teach Kindergarten and First Grade at Arctic Light Elementary. I continue to incorporate ideas from OneTree in my classroom and I volunteer for the program. Currently my class is germinating Tamarack, measuring growth, counting leaves, and making scientific illustrations. If not for OneTree I may well have stayed in New York and never have become a teacher. OneTree connects hundreds of students to meaningful art and science (that aligns with and expands far beyond the mandated state standards). Please continue to support this program by including it in the capital budget.

Sincerely,

Jesse Hensel

via email message to the Fairbanks LIO

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April 3, 2014

Dear Senator Kelly,

I am writing a letter of support and commendation for the BAKLAP Program. I recently graduated from the University of Alaska — Fairbanks with a degree in Natural Resource Management. Since that time, I have had the privilege of working with the BAKLAP program in conducting research, facilitating outreach, and participating in education programs with local schools. BAKLAP highlights some fundamental lessons I learned in college — namely the importance of natural resources and our dependence upon them, and the necessity of interacting with, incorporating, and educating the local community. BAKLAP has provided me with the unique opportunity of incorporating what I have learned at UAF into important, real world scenarios.

I lastly want to speak to the importance of biomass in Alaska. As you know, our demands on our environment are changing, particularly with respect to how we heat our homes and use the energy that enables us to live in this wonderful State. In addition, our environment is dynamically changing in ways that we know, and ways that we don't know. As someone who has spent the last several years conducting research in Alaskan forests at the State and federal level, I can attest to the important work that BAKLAP provides with respect to biomass and our State's future.

Senator Kelly, this is a difficult year full of budget demands and constraints. However, I think it is in the State's best interest to see the BAKLAP program through to completion. It has done wonderful things for our State and will continue to do so to its completion.

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Jess

3/28/14

Dear Senator Kelly,

I am writing you to voice my support for continued capital budget funding of BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production) project which uses One-Tree Alaska as the model for its K-20 STEAM education component. As manager of the University of Alaska, Institute of Arctic Biology greenhouse, where many of the project trees are cultivated, I have the opportunity to see first-hand the dedication and commitment of the OneTree staff, as well as the engagement and scientific curiosity exhibited by the student participants in the program. The opportunity for young students to express their innate curiosity while learning the principles of disciplined scientific inquiry will be extremely valuable in their immediate education, and ultimately valuable in their personal and economic opportunities as well educated adults.

I am well aware that state revenues are declining and budgets must be trimmed. However, in analogy to personal financial situations when belt tightening needs to be done to deal with economic realities, one occasionally will find opportunities of such obvious value that it still makes sense to invest now to gain (save) much more in the future. The funding of BAKLAP is one such opportunity which will pay huge dividends for the students, and contribute to the future economic viability of the state. There is no doubt that education is a gateway to economic success. I hope you will agree with me on this. Thank you for taking my opinions into consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Wright
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4 April 2014

Dear Senator Kelly,

I am writing on behalf of the submitted BAKLAP capital appropriation that is being considered for inclusion in the state's Capital Budget. I understand this is a challenging budget climate for state projects, but I encourage you and fellow legislators to fund this important program to completion.

Wood biomass energy is increasingly vital to Alaskan communities and economies, and we Alaskans need a sustainable foundation to raise the next generation's biomass fuel. The Alaska Constitution Article VIII, Section 4 mandates the management of our natural resources for sustained yield, and BAKLAP has a demonstrated capacity to bring young Alaskans, state agencies, and the University together to ensure we as a stet this responsibility.

As a current UAF student in forestry, I also see the growing importance of our forest resource every day through my classes, research, and interactions with forestry professionals. I've learned of many areas that require more investigation, especially determining how best to grow wood biomass sustainably. BAKLAP's efforts to integrate past experiments together and provide valuable new scientific research are an important framework for ensuring we can meet current and future needs.

As the legislative session draws to an end, I urge you to consider continuing investment in Alaska's renewable energy future. I hope you and your colleagues in the Senate support this program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Andrew Allaby

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Dear Senator Pete Kelly,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am a graduate student at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in the Peace Corps Masters International program through the School of Natural Resources and Ag Science. I am currently in Mexico receiving training for my Peace Corps assignment, but I appreciate your help in allowing me to provide input. Please print out this email for your record, as I cannot send postal mail at this time.

Though I am currently on assignment in Mexico, I spent all of my time at UAF working with BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production) as a service learner, then as a student worker. As a service learner I aided in teaching K-20 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Education to six local elementary and middle school classes. Last summer I became a student worker through BAKLAP funding and helped develop materials for the fall semester.

BAKLAP has also been an important funding source for my schooling and has allowed me to work on a project that marries my interests of engineering, natural resource management, and environmental education. I have a bachelor's degree in material engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and worked in industry for two years as a metallurgical engineer. I decided that I wanted to pursue a different career path in natural resource management and enrolled at UAF for graduate school.

At UAF I learned more about the resources available in interior Alaska, and current environmental education initiatives occurring in Fairbanks. I was able to participate in Tapping into Spring which is a workshop, funded by BAKLAP, that educated local K-12 students in the science and practice of making birch syrup. This was particularly interesting to me and I started looking for ways to expand upon this program.

Using funding from BAKLAP I constructed a reverse osmosis unit for use in the Tapping into Spring program. Reverse osmosis units are critical in the syrup making industry and provide countless opportunities for local students to learn about science, math, natural resource management, and engineering. Students are very excited to learn about science in a fun and hands on way, especially when they are allowed to do actual research projects. Additionally, spending time getting to know our local forests better increases their interest in our local ecosystem and pride in Alaska. This tool will be used, starting in the spring, to educate local students and expand upon the existing Tapping into Spring curriculum.

Though I will not be in Fairbanks for the next two years, I am finding ways of using my Peace Corps experience as a learning opportunity for local students. I am currently partnering with Chris Pastro of Randy Smith Middle School to bring the environmental education I am learning here into her classroom. Chris Pastro is one of the many teachers who participate in BAKLAP funded projects, and she is excited about the cultural and scientific learning opportunities that this partnership will provide.

I appreciate your time in reading this email and hope that you recognize the value in environmental education and decide to provide the rest of the funding to BAKLAP.

Thank you,
Tricia Kent

Margo Klass, Box 83657, Fairbanks, Alaska 99708, 907-451-9119

March 31, 2014

Dear Representative Kawasaki,

I'm writing in support of continuing the work of BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska – Learning, Adaptation, Production) with completion funding via a capital budget appropriation.

From my perspective as part of the K-20 STEAM Education team, the results of BAKLAP 1 are significant, tangible, and successful:

- We have worked with over 850 K-12 students and 40 K-12 teachers so that STEAM education as it relates to resource management, research, and living in Interior Alaska has an active, hands-on role in the school curriculum.
- We have developed customized lesson plans, blended learning platforms, entrepreneurial activities, professional development courses, and numerous tree growth experiments.
- BAKLAP's 'service learning' model, which places university undergraduate and graduate students in K-12 classrooms, has doubled the number of students BAKLAP can reach.

My personal connection to the work of BAKLAP involves arts education. I have collaborated with BAKLAP's teacher development programs, the STEAM Institute, and Boreal House Art & Science Center in creating ways in which the goals of BAKLAP are made visible through the arts. The "A" in STEAM not only gives students, teachers, and community members a way to embody the science and learning in tangible form, it also provides a vehicle to allow others to see and learn from the experience. In 2015 we will mount a major community based exhibition in Pioneer Park's Bear Gallery, successor to the highly successful but smaller exhibit, "Celebrating OneTree" in 2010. We have every expectation that this event will literally exhibit the huge step forward in public awareness and knowledge of issues surrounding long-term sustainable stewardship and will offer another means of assessment of learning outcomes with the STEAM approach to education.

This is a time of significant financial constraints, to be sure, so appropriations have to be made wisely. I believe the completion funding of BAKLAP 2 would be an appropriation that is highly cost effective, with results that will contribute significantly to natural resource management and education.

Sincerely yours,

Margo Klass
BAKLAP, STEAM K-20 Education Team

April 3, 2014

Dear Senator Pete Kelly,

I am writing in support of BAKLAP completion funding via a capital budget appropriation. I am a middle school teacher in Fairbanks, Alaska. Today and yesterday I took my classes outside to begin the "Tapping into Spring" project by the OneTree BAKLAP program. Before leaving the classroom, students made clinometers and discussed the significance of the 45/45/90 degree triangle. Then, students donned snowshoes and took a jaunt to the back corner of our school property to choose a tree for tapping this spring. Students estimated the height of the tree using the clinometer. They took DBH measurements (diameter at breast height) and sketched the tree. They also wrote descriptions of the tree. OneTree BAKLAP scientist, Zac Meyers, demonstrated how to take a core sample and how to use the laser clinometer! Students were taking basic measurements that foresters use in the field! All students were engaged and working in teams. Our learning targets were accomplished. It was a memorable hour of "hands-on" learning. But the learning will not stop here. It is a springboard for science and natural resource education for each of these students.

This is just one example of the quality educational experiences I have been lucky to share with my students through the BAKLAP program. My students currently have 39 birch seedlings growing in the classroom. They have been observing the trees as they came out of dormancy and designed an experiment with the seedlings. Their experiment focuses on changes in growth using three different watering treatments. OneTree BAKLAP scientist Jan Dawe guided students as they determined variables, demonstrated measurement and data collection protocols, and discussed phenology and climate change issues. The results have been stunning. The three water treatments yielded very interesting results! Students are in the final steps of sharing their findings.

These experiences give my students a real connection to the boreal forest. They conduct real research! They use inquiry and connect with scientists who are working with natural resources and biomass energy research.

I understand the many financial challenges you are facing in legislative funding. However, I urge you to support BAKLAP completion funding. I have seen the difference it can make in the most valuable resource we have—our children. Thank you for your consideration. With the completion funding via a capital budget appropriation, I hope future students will be able to have authentic science and natural resources learning experiences that BAKLAP can help provide.

Sincerely,
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March 29, 2014

Dear Senator Kelly,

I am a teacher of over twenty years in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. I am writing on behalf of BAKLAP/One Tree. Fortunately, I have had three years of experiences with the One Tree program and I feel that funding this only helps me do my job better.

As an educator, I believe in teaching our children about their place. Alaskans are proud of where we live and if I can teach my second and third graders about the boreal forest in a meaningful way, then I do this. One Tree has added depth to my teaching in these ways. My first year, we calculated when a birch tree went to sleep for the winter by performing a scientific study called "bud burst". It was fascinating to for the children to understand just what was happening inside the tree to prepare for the winter. My second year, many children wanted to test germination rates of birch seeds. We had four different seeds from four different mother trees and we took data and grew trees. We made this a class science fair project, won our school's science fair and won a special award at the district fair. This year, we are even more involved. We have started a two-year study on determining if birch tree siblings share resources to help each other grow.

This experiment is also being replicated at Tanana Middle School and UAF. Our data are showing that similar results. Not only that, but our project received the Doug Schamael Award, the highest award at the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District *Interior Alaska Science Fair 2014* on May 29.

Our students are truly doing great science!

Sincerely,

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March 28, 2014

Dear Senator Kelly,

I know the Senate is working on the capital budget and I urge you to please continue funding for BAKLAP (Boreal Alaska: Learning, Adaptation, Production) and its K-20 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Education component. I realize that this is a tough year with significant financial constraints, but I can't say enough about how wonderful these projects are and what a valuable asset they are to our community and a fantastic opportunity for our students.

I have personally been involved in the K-20 STEAM program through the One Tree project for a few years. My students have had hands-on experience with the boreal forest that surrounds them through a variety of activities. Through these activities they have come to understand that the local environment plays an important part in their lives. They have also seen how their local forest is related to the circumpolar region and climate change. Through art, writing, craft and scientific inquiry, my students have gained an appreciation for their local habitat, and will hopefully go on to become responsible stewards with regard to it's sustainability.

I look forward to bringing this program into my classroom year after year. My students look forward to these lessons as well. I thank you for your efforts and hope that you will continue to fund this program. It is well worth the effort!

Sincerely,

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