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Therefore, the Governor's request for ~~an~~ increase in Head Start funds would allow for more direct services in the areas of health education family services, and disabilities to children and families. Yes, I realize funds are tight but cutting from prevention and early intervention programs such as Head Start is not the answer.

Children are an important resource of our state. Please look to the future--by investing in our children we are investing in the future of Alaska and will save money in the long run.

Thank you for your time.

SIGNED Pam Gingue
TESTIFIER

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I would like this message to everyone involved with the Senate House Finance Committee and everyone involved with Head Start Program.

I would like to express my opinion about the Head Start here in our village. It has been very important to our family how Head Start has become a very strong area in our lives. Our son Christopher has gotten a love of learning and even more so a need to explore and take areas of life on his own. He is still learning his basics of ABC's and numbers, but more so his learning to get along and interact with other children. He uses his manners and this being his last year of Headstart he finds opportunities to think and use his skills in an array of different areas. If he didn't have this opportunity to go to Headstart, his world would be limited.

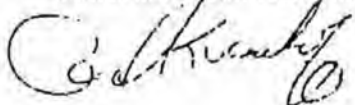
Another area that it has helped out in is quality child care. I don't worry if he is being well taken care of and getting his needs met. It has been a place where he loves to go, I think not only because its fun but because he learns so much.

Head Start has so many components involved with them that it is so hard to touch on them all. It involves the whole family including the extended family. It involves health, nutrition, social well being. There has been several programs given about how in today's world there is so much a little child has to watch out for to be safe. We have workers that comes into the homes and works with my husband and I, along with Christopher on testing and some activities. It shows us what we can be working on to support what is going on into school. The program works with education with the whole family and help to identify what the children needs are in a private setting but yet we all have to work together as a unit in Head Start.

Our Head Start is a small school, but these children are so important to us as any other children. And it is for this reason that I feel so strongly about writing this message in support of the Head Start and for all the other children that have not had an opportunity to go. I feel our children must become our top priority in seeing that the children and parents get every opportunity to be cared for, loved, educated in academic and local knowledge. I feel that Head Start needs to be expanded to be able for other children and families to have what our son has been able to experience. If we are able to lead and teach our children in the right way as they are young it will be instilled into them and they will be able to become healthier adults and will be able to do the same for their children.

I urge you to remember our very important children and look down the road as these children get older, maybe we would need to be hearing all of these children having as many problems as we hear of today. But we must also work with the family. This will be the only way of keeping the family as a unit is to be able to work with the whole family.

Thank You
James and Carol Kvasnikoff



March 1998

Senators Bert Sharp and Drue Pearce,
Co-chairs, Senate Finance Committee
Representatives Gene Therriault and Mark Hanley
Co-chairs, House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

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APR 15 1998

Dear Finance Committee Co-chairs,

I understand that you have a very difficult job ahead of you with the state budget. However, I am writing today to ask you to not cut programs for children. I am asking this on behalf of the children who need the services, who are too young to speak for themselves.

I urge you to not cut programs that serve children and their families. Children's programs should be fully funded. These programs are badly needed, and save us money in the long run. For every dollar invested early, four are saved later.

Sincerely,

Lynette Krause

Signature

Printed Name and Address:

Lynette Krause

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*The Smart Start program is a great way to go.
We need all the help we can get!
I believe we need the extra protective services
& more Medicaid proposed, too.
I've worked in Early Childhood in Fairbanks
for 12 years. Our little ones don't have a voice
We count on you to help us care for them.*

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Dear Senator Pearce,

I know you've been involved with children issues, so am sending this clipping down to you.

Along with a possible restructuring of DfYS procedures + programs, let's also fund it so it can adequately protect our children.

I don't like big govt. any more than the Rep. majority, but our frontier mentality has really hurt us in significant ways. Our social problems are the greatest nationally in the country. NOT something to be proud of.

I hope this legislature is up to the task of adequately funding DfYS, DEC, public safety + education and not cutting off our nose to spite our face.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

John

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Box 83715

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Everyday tragedies

THE PAGES OF "Alaska's Children of a Hidden War" are filled with tragedy.

Under a state law based on the questionable assumption that keeping the details private somehow protects the victims, Alaskans have allowed the specifics of child abuse in our state to escape public attention.

A few sensational cases have been publicized, but most remain secret, which means that the scandal and its handling by the government also remain secret.

The attitude about public disclosure is changing, one sign of which is the publication of this booklet by the state.

Without giving any names or locations, the booklet lists 134 cases in which children were taken into state custody during a three-month period in 1997.

Here is a sample:

■ Boys ages 9, 13 and 15 were assaulted by their mother with a baseball bat. She was drunk.

■ A boy, exposed in the womb to cocaine, alcohol and other drugs, was taken from his mother when he was 2 months old. Three other children had already been permanently removed from the mother, who has a history of prostitution.

■ A 4-year-old boy had his toes bitten by his mother's boyfriend. His toes became infected. There were finger marks around the child's neck and his face had been beaten.

■ A 3-month-old and 15-month-old had been exposed to cocaine before birth. The state had already taken five other children from the mother.

■ A 1-year-old had extensive bruising on both sides of her buttocks and vaginal adhesions from sexual abuse. She is the sixth child born to a mother who had parental rights terminated for four of her children.

■ A 4-year-old girl was severely beaten by her father, who gave her a crewcut and said he was putting her through boot camp training. He forced her to perform vigorous exercises.

■ A newborn tested positive for cocaine and alcohol. The mother's parental rights had been terminated on her three other children.

■ A child that weighed 2 lbs., 8 oz., born two months premature, tested positive for cocaine at birth. An older child was in state custody because the father threw the 8-month-old against the wall.

■ A 5-year-old was left alone. The mother was drunk and found praying to a fence post.

■ A 6-month-old and a 1-year-old were found in a house where all the adults were passed out.

■ A 4-year-old and 5-year-old were found wandering the streets alone. They refused to go home. They had severe cases of swimmer's itch and head lice.

■ A 3-month-old had a skull fracture that had healed, a broken finger and a broken arm. The father was drunk.

■ A 9-year-old was away from home for three days, wandering in a trailer court. No parent reported her missing. She was dirty and hungry.

■ A 9-year-old was taking care of an 11-month-old, a 5-year-old and a 7-year-old while the parents were drinking.

■ Four children, ages 16 months to 8 years, with no fathers in common, were unattended. Their mother was passed out.

■ A 6-year-old and 7-year-old were left with an elderly relative who couldn't care for them. Both parents were on a drinking binge.

■ A 6-year-old, 7-year-old and 13-year-old were physically and sexually abused by their father.

■ A child was born with a blood alcohol level of .146, far above the legal limit for drunk driving.

SOCIAL WORKERS say the three months documented in the report were not unusual in Alaska's Hidden War.

Call the governor's office or the Legislative Information Office for copies of this report. It's also on the governor's home page on the Internet.

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To:
Drue Pearce,
ALASKA SENATOR

4/22/98

From:
Steve Sunderlin
Weatherization Assessor, FAIRBANKS

Dear Drue

I have been involved in the weatherization field for ten years. I can tell you that this is one of a few programs that work in this state. The benefits to the elderly and the handicapped are tremendous. These people have struggled to put food on the table, oil in the tank. With our assistance, their homes are warmer, no longer deteriorating, and maybe a few more groceries in the fridge.

I can only tell you that it would be a disappointment to cut this program further. There really is a big payback from the monies that are spent with this program.

Thank you for reading this
Steve H. Sunderlin



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Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 Committee on SB 211 Dated 4-21-98
Committee Name
Bill / Subject

As a life long Fairbanks resident, an educator, and more importantly a mother of 3 I want to urge you to support the Healthy Families program within our state and the Ftk's community.

As an Early Childhood Educator for the past 17 years here in the Ftk's area I have seen an increase of families who are overburdened and stressed with the more day-to-day activities of being a parent. Our families today are facing more and more outside pressures just to keep their family together, feed, clothed, and happy. The Healthy Families program provides these families who have no outside support (ie extended family, church groups, or other support people) with information, appropriate role modeling, connection within the community, and enables them to become stronger, empowered, and confident parents. What better way is there to build healthier families and a ^{stable future} "resource" our Alaskan children.

SIGNED: Debbie Hall
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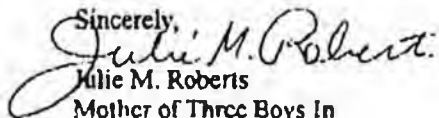
April 8, 1998

Members of the House Finance Committee and
TO all other Members of the Senate and House.

"I am a child and I live in Rural Alaska. I attend my school every day, even though I have to walk three miles to and from school. I carry my sack lunch, so I will not get hungry during the day. I even have to dress very warm, because they now have to heat the school with a wood stove. My teacher said even though we are no longer a modern school, it is still necessary to learn how to read and write. I wish I could move to Fairbanks, or Anchorage so I could go to school there, at least I wouldn't have to walk and I could have new books to read. Kids in the city are so lucky, they get so much new stuff, like computers and a swimming pool." I'll never live in a village when I grow up. I don't care.

Can you imagine this is what our children are thinking. I remember the days when I did walk to school everyday and I did carry my lunch and our school was heated by a wood stove. I never in my wildest dreams thought we would have to go back to the "Abc Lincoln Days". It's crazy to know that even though our State has so much wealth and that more often than not it comes from our back yards that we still cannot educate our children with fairness and equity. Come to your senses before you make the situation turn into something that really separates the people. Subsistence is bad enough. Thank you for your time and I really pray during this Easter Week that you would have a clear conscience when you vote on this issue.

Sincerely,



Julie M. Roberts

Mother of Three Boys In

Tanana, Alaska



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MESSAGE:

We tried sending this testimony last night
but it wouldn't go. So I will start by phoning
over this morning.
Inc-ling: Cover sheet of testimony from Richard Patton
28 pages of petitions

Charlene
showing the extent of community concern and support.

Attached 28 pages of petitions

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*The Association of Site Councils of the South Peninsula
 urges our Legislature to increase school funding for the Kenai.
 This group represents the schools of McNeil Canyon, Paul Bantz,
 West Homer Elementary, Homer Middle School and Homer
 High School. We have been meeting and working toward
 this end since last January.*

*Attached is a petition of more than ~~200~~³⁰⁰ signatures
 showing the extent of community concern and support.*

Attached .28 pages of petitions

Signed: Richard F. Cotton
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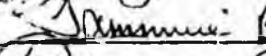
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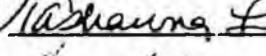
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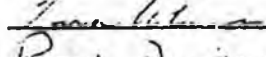
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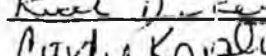
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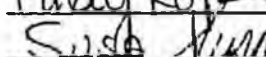
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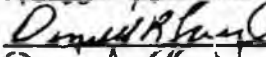
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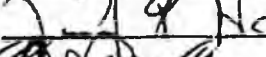
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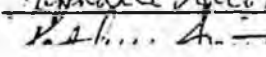
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APRIL 11, 1998

KENNY LAKE PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
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HC 60 BOX 224
COPPER CENTER, AK 99573

ALASKA LEGISLATORS
JUNEAU, ALASKA

RE: SB36

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ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF A LETTER PREPARED BY ONE OF OUR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS.

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PLEASE RECOGNIZE THE DESPERATE NEED WE HAVE FOR THE FUNDING OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WE WILL SPARE YOU THE DETAILS (WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH YOU PREVIOUSLY) OF SOME OF THE INADEQUACIES IN OUR PRESENT ELEMENTARY FACILITY.

PLEASE KNOW THAT THINGS ARE CONTINUING TO FALL DOWN AROUND OUR CHILDREN'S EARS AND WE ARE VERY WORRY THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN ON THEIR HEADS!

WE REALIZE THE CHALLENGE YOU ALL HAVE AND SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

SINCERELY,

Kenny Lake PTO

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CC: DR. DOYLE: COPPER RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
REED CARLSON: KENNY LAKE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

April 17, 1998

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HC 60 BOX 342

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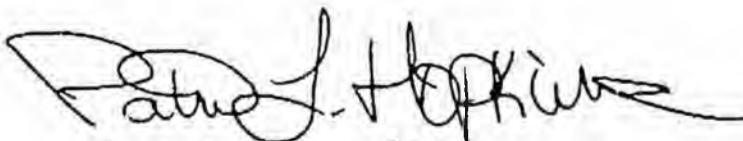
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HC60 Bill 137
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Copper Center, AK 99573

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HCCO BOX 140

DEPARTMENT, AK 99573

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Irene W. Janay

*P.O. Box 231
Copper Center, AK 99572*

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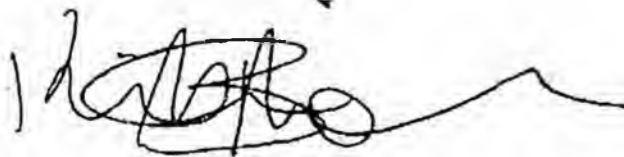
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SH. Rt. Box 215

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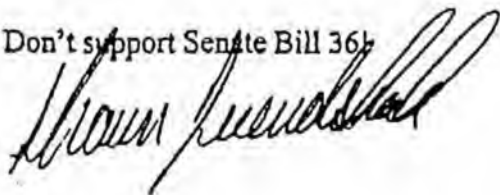
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Kenny Lake PTO

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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 1133

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW JUVENILE FACILITY IN THE PALMER AREA.

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks 2nd in the percentage of juveniles who are locked up, and

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks 2nd in the length of time its juveniles are locked up, and

WHEREAS, juveniles from Mat-Su range from 22 to 36 in actual numbers that are detained in MYC (Anchorage Facility), and

WHEREAS, Mat-Su is the fastest growing area in the United States and its juvenile problems are growing as fast, and

WHEREAS, a good alternative is accomplished with strong diversion and intervention programs, and

WHEREAS, most young people who came into contact with the juvenile system do so only once, and

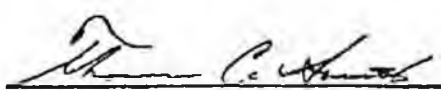
WHEREAS, one of the biggest deterrents is timely response to serious crimes committed by our youth, and

WHEREAS, a good strong response is a juvenile facility in the Palmer area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Palmer supports the construction and operation of a new juvenile facility in the Palmer area.

Passed and approved this 14th day of October, 1997.


HENRY P. GUINOTTE, MAYOR


THOMAS C. SMITH, CITY CLERK



GREATER PALMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RESOLUTION 98-001

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW JUVENILE FACILITY IN PALMER, ALASKA.

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks second nationally in the percentage of juveniles who are incarcerated, and

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks second in the length of time these juveniles are incarcerated, and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough is the fastest growing area in Alaska, with juvenile problems growing at a proportionate rate, and

WHEREAS, the number of juveniles from Mat-Su detained in the overcrowded Anchorage facility range between 22 and 36, and

WHEREAS, the need for a Juvenile Assessment Center is clearly demonstrated by these and other facts, and

WHEREAS, the Assessment Center will result in a consistent, timely, and coordinated response to juvenile crime, and

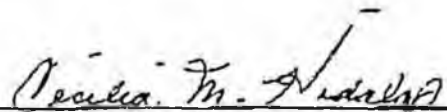
WHEREAS, the Assessment Center will be an enhanced opportunity for early interventions and diversion of first-time and non-violent Offenders, and

WHEREAS, the District Court House, Mat-Su Pretrial Facility, and the District Headquarters of the Alaska State Troopers are within the city limits of Palmer,

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer provides water and sewer systems to all facilities within its boundaries, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Palmer offers the best and most logical location for the proposed Juvenile Assessment Center in the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of January, 1998.


Cecilia Hidalgo, President, Board of Directors

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on the Mat-Su 15 Bed facility, dated April 23, 1998.

The City of Palmer recognizes the immediate need for a Mat-Su 15 bed Youth Detention Center. We encourage the Finance Committee to recommend funding for this facility in this budget season. I am the seller of a site of seven acres that was chosen for the Palmer site offering. Although I am not able to offer the entire site as donation, I am offering 2 additional contiguous acres as a donation which can be committed to programs for the facility and hope to acquire matching funds to double that donation's effectiveness. With comparable properties selling at approximately \$43,000.00 per acre (.99 per square foot), this donation could reach a value of approximately \$172,000.00, with matching funds.

The site has city utilities available to the property boundaries, an inspiring view of Pioneer Peak, and close proximity to all needed services, as well as meeting or exceeding every other site criteria outlined by the local selection committee. The City of Palmer offers to act as construction manager, as its eighth public project. Former projects for the State include the court house, the trooper headquarters, the pre-trail facility, the airport, and a project currently underway for the Forestry Service air response division. Former projects for the City of Palmer include the Palmer Police Station and the golf course. The City of Palmer believes it can complete the project timely and within budget constraints. The site is available, donation intact, even without the City acting as construction manager, if DOT prefers to do the construction. With the donation of 2 additional acres, and the substantial savings incurred by the availability of city utilities, both in the construction and long term maintenance costs, there are many benefits in locating to the Palmer site.

The community of Palmer is welcoming and enthusiastic about the facility. Following are resolutions from the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce and the City of Palmer. Interested parties and neighbors showed themselves overwhelmingly in favor of locating the facility in our city at our town hall meeting.

We want the facility to locate in the Valley this year at the best long term site possible. We believe Palmer holds that site, but we respectfully request appropriation of funds this year for whatever site is finally chosen.

Signed: _____

Jill Reese, Palmer resident and business owner

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Mat-Su Council

Substance Abuse Recovery Center

2801 Bogard Road Wasilla, Alaska 99654 (907) 376-4000

March 13, 1998

Marty Grossman
Facilities Manager
State of Alaska
Department of Health and Social Services

This letter respectfully requests that the City of Wasilla also be considered as a site for the proposed Juvenile Detention Center. Our intent, however, should not be construed as partisan against construction of this facility in Palmer. Both areas offer considerable attractiveness for the Center.

Instead, the Mat-Su Council offers support to the State of Alaska in considering alternatives for a site location that will best meet the needs of the juvenile residents the JDC will serve.

Sincerely,

Jim McEnnis
Deputy Director

Serving the Mat-Su Valley Since 1977



To: Charlie Fannon Wasilla Chief of Police
FAX: 373-9051

From: Pamela L. Sandvik, Mat-Su Recovery Center (and TurnAround Youth Recovery Program)
FAX: 373-1135

Charlie: For Teleconference Hearing

The Mat-Su Recovery Center works with adolescents who are exhibiting drug or alcohol-related problems. Of Mat-Su's 59,000 people, 18 percent are adolescent or nearing adolescence. This represents approximately 10,620 teenagers. In the past 20 months, the Mat-Su Recovery Center's TurnAround Youth Recovery Program assessed 285 youth, 162 of whom were determined to have problem level alcohol or other drug abuse. The ages of these adolescents were consistent with previous years:

- ❖ 65% were 15-18 years old
- ❖ 32% were ages 12-14
- ❖ 3% were under 12

Many of the adolescents in our community present difficult problems to teachers, their parents and to professionals. Unfortunately, the community does not have a mechanism to quickly assess and address their problems. As the population grows and more children move toward their adolescent years, the problems we're now seeing with youth will increase. Currently, our kids have to be sent to Anchorage, or worse, there is no consequence for unacceptable behavior.

As the only provider of substance abuse treatment specifically for adolescents in the Mat-Su, I strongly support the establishment of a juvenile detention facility and assessment center. We have to help our kids in their own community.

Pamela L. Sandvik



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March 13, 1998

Tim Krug, City Planner
City of Wasilla
290 E. Herning Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654

Re: Juvenile Detention Center

Dear Mr. Krug:

As the Chief Executive Officer of Life Quest, the Mat-Su Valley's community mental health center, I strongly support the establishment of the center in the Mat-Su Valley. For far too long our community has been under resourced in dealing with the youth of our community who have social, psychological and health-related problems. Although it is much more cost effective to have treatment and prevention programs established that prevent youth from getting involved in the juvenile justice system, when they do become clients of the system, having a facility in the community is much better than sending them out of their home community. By having a juvenile detention center in the Valley, consequences for undesirable and illegal behavior will be much more immediate and effective.

The area of the Valley that is experiencing the fastest and largest growth is the Big Lake and Wasilla areas. Thus, it would make sense to locate the new facility in the area where the population is expanding. Even if a site is not located in the Wasilla area, I strongly support the building of a facility somewhere in the core area. Often times the youth that end up in the juvenile justice system are active clients in other health and social service agencies. By having a local facility, many of the services that a youth is enrolled in could continue during their period of institutionalization. Additionally, increased contact by families would be able to occur.

In summary, I support the establishment of a juvenile detention center in the core area of Wasilla and Palmer. As a community mental health provider, I pledge my commitment to working with facility officials to make the program an effective and positive asset for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert S. Irvine". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert S. Irvine, Ed.D
Chief Executive Officer

RSI:bjw





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**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 98-02**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION (WPC),
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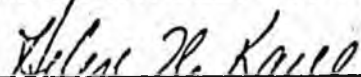
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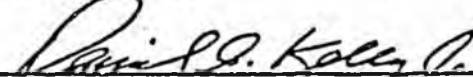
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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APPROVED:



Daniel A. Kelly, Chair



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April 8, 1998

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Please verify at 376-1272

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RESOLUTION 98-01

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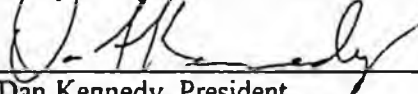
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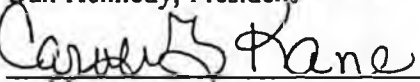
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1/14/98

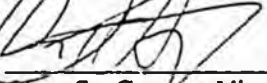
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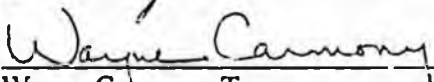
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ATTESTED:



Michelle Overstreet, Secretary

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Date

April 2, 1998

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	Peter Burchell	MAT-SU Alternative School
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	Marie I. Brown	Kids Are People, Inc. (practicum student)
	Naomi Childers	Kids Are People, Inc.
	Glen Huyck	Mat-Su Community Schools



Wasilla Christian Church

MILE 2.3 KNIK GOOSEBAY ROAD, WASILLA, ALASKA

Thursday, March 19, 1998

RECEIVED

Tim Krug
290 E. Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

MAR 20 1998
CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

Re: Youth Detention Facility

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Jerry Valley

Dear Mr. Krug,

As per your request I have talked to the leadership of our church and the idea of having a lock-down facility for the youth has met with a favorable response. The idea of city water being brought that much closer to our facility is a highlight. And, since "we live" with troubled youth in our community the thought of having a detention facility in our community doesn't seem to be a problem.

As you also requested, I have not spoken from the pulpit or to individual members of the congregation. Therefore, I cannot speak for them or their opinions.

Thank you for dropping by to take the thoughts of our church leadership into consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Savino

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

DATE: 4/13/98

TIME: _____

TO: Whom it May Concern

FROM: Dale A. Hanmitt

NO. OF SHEETS INCLUDING TRANSMITTAL SHEET: _____

I highly support the building of
the Youth Detention Center in the
Wasilla Area

I highly encourage the City of Wasilla
Assembly to support this Project

Dale A. Hanmitt

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on the Mat-Su 15 Bed facility, dated April 23, 1998.

The City of Palmer recognizes the immediate need for a Mat-Su 15 bed Youth Detention Center. We encourage the Finance Committee to recommend funding for this facility in this budget season. I am the seller of a site of seven acres that was chosen for the Palmer site offering. Although I am not able to offer the entire site as donation, I am offering 2 additional contiguous acres as a donation which can be committed to programs for the facility and hope to acquire matching funds to double that donation's effectiveness. With comparable properties selling at approximately \$43,000.00 per acre (.99 per square foot), this donation could reach a value of approximately \$172,000.00, with matching funds.

The site has city utilities available to the property boundaries, an inspiring view of Pioneer Peak, and close proximity to all needed services, as well as meeting or exceeding every other site criteria outlined by the local selection committee. The City of Palmer offers to act as construction manager, as its eighth public project. Former projects for the State include the court house, the trooper headquarters, the pre-trail facility, the airport, and a project currently underway for the Forestry Service air response division. Former projects for the City of Palmer include the Palmer Police Station and the golf course. The City of Palmer believes it can complete the project timely and within budget constraints. The site is available, donation intact, even without the City acting as construction manager, if DOT prefers to do the construction. With the donation of 2 additional acres, and the substantial savings incurred by the availability of city utilities, both in the construction and long term maintenance costs, there are many benefits in locating to the Palmer site.

The community of Palmer is welcoming and enthusiastic about the facility. Following are resolutions from the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce and the City of Palmer. Interested parties and neighbors showed themselves overwhelmingly in favor of locating the facility in our city at our town hall meeting.

We want the facility to locate in the Valley this year at the best long term site possible. We believe Palmer holds that site, but we respectfully request appropriation of funds this year for whatever site is finally chosen.

Signed: _____

Jill Reese, Palmer resident and business owner

J. Reese Investments & Brokerage, Ltd., Gold Miner's Hotel, and Motherlode Lodge

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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 1133

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW JUVENILE FACILITY IN THE PALMER AREA.

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks 2nd in the percentage of juveniles who are locked up, and

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WHEREAS, a good alternative is accomplished with strong diversion and intervention programs, and

WHEREAS, most young people who came into contact with the juvenile system do so only once, and


WHEREAS, one of the biggest deterrents is timely response to serious crimes committed by our youth, and

WHEREAS, a good strong response is a juvenile facility in the Palmer area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Palmer supports the construction and operation of a new juvenile facility in the Palmer area.

Passed and approved this 14th day of October, 1997.


HENRY P. GUINOTTE, MAYOR


THOMAS C. SMITH, CITY CLERK



GREATER PALMER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RESOLUTION 98-001

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW JUVENILE FACILITY IN PALMER, ALASKA.

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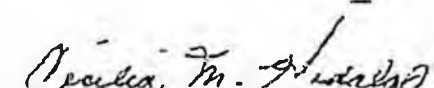
WHEREAS, the Assessment Center will be an enhanced opportunity for early interventions and diversion of first-time and non-violent Offenders, and

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WHEREAS, the City of Palmer provides water and sewer systems to all facilities within its boundaries, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Palmer offers the best and most logical location for the proposed Juvenile Assessment Center in the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of January, 1998.


Cecilia Hidalgo, President, Board of Directors

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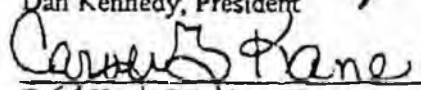
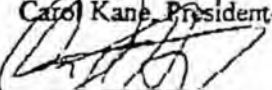
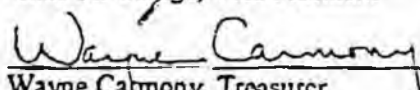
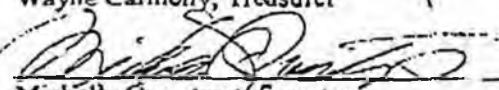

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ATTESTED:  _____ Michelle Overstreet, Secretary	<u>1-14-98</u> _____ Date

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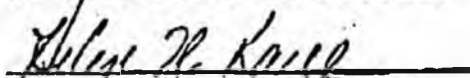
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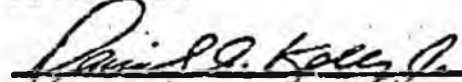
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APPROVED:


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CITY OF WASILLA

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**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 98-02**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION (WPC),
RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA'S MAT-SU YOUTH
DETENTION FACILITY BE CONSIDERED TO BE LOCATED WITHIN OUR
INDUSTRIAL ZONE AT WASILLA AIRPORT.**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services is considering to locate a Mat-Su Youth Detention Facility in the Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District's Alternative High School is located near the Parks Highway and Church Road; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a 4.5 to 5 million dollar facility will be an economic benefit during the construction of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the annual operational cost between 1 to 1.6 million dollars will support the economic benefit for employment, and services such as laundry and food delivery; and

WHEREAS, the close proximity to the proposed Public Safety Facility would be both economical and time saving in reducing travel time of a Wasilla Police juvenile transport; and

WHEREAS, this facility would allow many juveniles to be closer to their families that live in the greater Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS; McLaughlin Youth Center is overcrowded; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Airport property is zoned I-Industrial and could support a youth detention facility; and

WHEREAS, the potential exists for increased revenue from the Wasilla Airport by leasing available land to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Troopers periodically transports juveniles with State of Alaska aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Troopers frequently transports juveniles along the Parks Highway; and

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March 13, 1998

Tim Krug, City Planner
City of Wasilla
290 E. Heming Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654

Re: Juvenile Detention Center

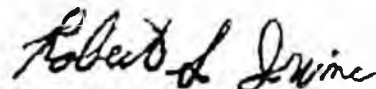
Dear Mr. Krug:

As the Chief Executive Officer of Life Quest, the Mat-Su Valley's community mental health center, I strongly support the establishment of the center in the Mat-Su Valley. For far too long our community has been under resourced in dealing with the youth of our community who have social, psychological and health-related problems. Although it is much more cost effective to have treatment and prevention programs established that prevent youth from getting involved in the juvenile justice system, when they do become clients of the system, having a facility in the community is much better than sending them out of their home community. By having a juvenile detention center in the Valley, consequences for undesirable and illegal behavior will be much more immediate and effective.

The area of the Valley that is experiencing the fastest and largest growth is the Big Lake and Wasilla areas. Thus, it would make sense to locate the new facility in the area where the population is expanding. Even if a site is not located in the Wasilla area, I strongly support the building of a facility somewhere in the core area. Often times the youth that end up in the juvenile justice system are active clients in other health and social service agencies. By having a local facility, many of the services that a youth is enrolled in could continue during their period of institutionalization. Additionally, increased contact by families would be able to occur.

In summary, I support the establishment of a juvenile detention center in the core area of Wasilla and Palmer. As a community mental health provider, I pledge my commitment to working with facility officials to make the program an effective and positive asset for our community.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Irvine, Ed.D
Chief Executive Officer

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Member Agency

United Way

To: Charlie Fannon Wasilla Chief of Police
FAX: 373-9051

From: Pamela L. Sandvik, Mat-Su Recovery Center (and TurnAround Youth Recovery Program)
FAX: 373-1135

Charlie: For Teleconference Hearing

The Mat-Su Recovery Center works with adolescents who are exhibiting drug or alcohol-related problems. Of Mat-Su's 59,000 people, 18 percent are adolescent or nearing adolescence. This represents approximately 10,620 teenagers. In the past 20 months, the Mat-Su Recovery Center's TurnAround Youth Recovery Program assessed 285 youth, 162 of whom were determined to have problem level alcohol or other drug abuse. The ages of these adolescents were consistent with previous years:

- ❖ 65% were 15-18 years old
- ❖ 32% were ages 12-14
- ❖ 3% were under 12

Many of the adolescents in our community present difficult problems to teachers, their parents and to professionals. Unfortunately, the community does not have a mechanism to quickly assess and address their problems. As the population grows and more children move toward their adolescent years, the problems we're now seeing with youth will increase. Currently, our kids have to be sent to Anchorage, or worse, there is no consequence for unacceptable behavior.

As the only provider of substance abuse treatment specifically for adolescents in the Mat-Su, I strongly support the establishment of a juvenile detention facility and assessment center. We have to help our kids in their own community.

Pamela L. Sandvik



Mat-Su Council
Substance Abuse Recovery Center
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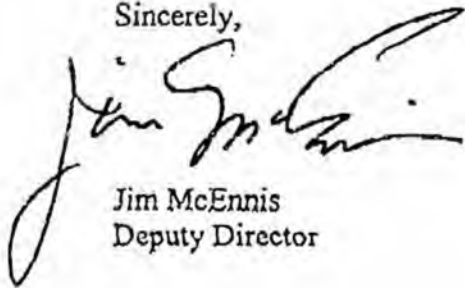
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Marty Grossman
Facilities Manager
State of Alaska
Department of Health and Social Services

This letter respectfully requests that the City of Wasilla also be considered as a site for the proposed Juvenile Detention Center. Our intent, however, should not be construed as partisan against construction of this facility in Palmer. Both areas offer considerable attractiveness for the Center.

Instead, the Mat-Su Council offers support to the State of Alaska in considering alternatives for a site location that will best meet the needs of the juvenile residents the JDC will serve.

Sincerely,



Jim McEnnis
Deputy Director

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CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA

Tim Krug
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Re: Youth Detention Facility

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Dear Mr. Krug,

As per your request I have talked to the leadership of our church and the idea of having a lock-down facility for the youth has met with a favorable response. The idea of city water being brought that much closer to our facility is a highlight. And, since "we live" with troubled youth in our community the thought of having a detention facility in our community doesn't seem to be a problem.

As you also requested, I have not spoken from the pulpit or to individual members of the congregation. Therefore, I cannot speak for them or their opinions.

Thank you for dropping by to take the thoughts of our church leadership into consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Savino

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

DATE: 4/13/98

TIME: _____

TO: Whom it May Concern

FROM: Dale A. Hammit

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I highly support the building of
the Youth Detention Center in the
Wasilla Area

I highly encourage the City of Wasilla
Assembly to support this Project

Dale A. Hammit

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5-7-98

ATTN: SENATE + Legislation,

I would like to request a teleconference concerning funding for VICTIMS FOR JUSTICE which is desperately needed here in Fairbanks. I have a lot of problems being a victim and having to call Anchorage is not only expensive but they can't help to much because they're not ~~here~~ here to see what's going on first hand. I would really like to talk with you some more about how important this is to me and my family and close friends.

Evelyn Thomas

Dear Sus,

5/8/98

I'm writing this letter in reaction to information I've received recently. I'm shocked at the struggles that the victims of this state have been forced to endure in order to receive funding. My very dear friend was recently lost her 15 yr. old son to homicide. I've walked beside her through all of the court battles, and frankly, the only outside source of sanity for us both has been through the victims rights organization. We simply can not lose this precious resource.

Please consider the importance of this organization as well as the court watch group. They have been so very needed and appreciated for their help & support.

I would like to participate in a teleconference with your committee as soon as possible. I understand this is a choice that you can make as well.

Thank you

Respectfully,
Cynthia K. Carter

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→ so we may personally express to you our feelings on these important issues.

Thank you -

Lizindy Schirmer - survivor
of
homicide

When one loses a loved one through violence, it exists a whole extra set of turmoil which makes functioning coherently quite challenging. We families are left with a gargantuan void in our lives that we have to cope with, let alone being thrown onto the clutter of all of the institutions we are left to deal with, some of them for an very extended period of time (i.e. police, judicial system, media). Through this act of senseless violence, we are left so shattered that we are left feeling very helpless, insecure, vulnerable; we basically need to be coddled and cared for like a baby, and led by the hand; showing what to do, until we are capable of standing on our own again. Victims for Justice plays their role of their helpers. They are an invaluable source of help and guidance. They provide help that is desperately needed to help the families and survivors of these crimes to cope and learn how to function in the roles that we are thrown into filling.

I am requesting that the funding be given to Victims for Justice to not only carry on their work, but to expand and extend their work to provide a much needed service. I also ask for the full funding for court watch, a much needed service as well.

Please give us the better opportunity to learn to live again. And please grant us a (etc. forgiveness)

**KETCHIKAN REGIONAL
YOUTH
DETENTION/DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT
CENTER**

"MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN"

- **STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**
- **CITY OF KETCHIKAN**

**KETCHIKAN REGIONAL
YOUTH DETENTION / DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTER**

FACT SHEET

Project Description:

Construction of a 10 bed Regional Youth Detention/Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Ketchikan to be operated by the State of Alaska

- 4 Detention Beds for youths who are awaiting court hearings or who are court ordered into the facility.
- 4 Mental Health Beds for diagnostic and treatment for emotionally disturbed youths.
- 2 Swing Beds for detention or protective custody of substance abuse.

Project Goals:

- Provide the community with a secure youth detention and assessment facility.
- Provide specialized diagnostic treatment services for emotionally disturbed youths.
- Provide protective custody for alcohol and substance abuse.
- Provide linkage to existing community mental health and substance abuse services.
- Reduce local police department costs.
- Reduce State costs in transporting youths to other youth detention facilities.
- Reduce client load on other youth detention facilities.
- Provide cost effective full service youth facility.

Project Justification:

Evidence has shown a link between youth substance abuse, mental health and juvenile delinquency, yet each is often treated independently or sometimes inadequately if appropriate services are not available. It is the Community's belief that constructing and operating a facility which integrates Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Detention services will provide the following benefits:

- Better and appropriate services by addressing complete youth needs.
- Better protection of public.
- Linkage to existing community services.
- Cost savings by not having to transport youths out of the community.

Unique Opportunity:

This proposal offers a unique opportunity to put into practice an integrated services concept that has been advocated as making a positive difference in the lives of troubled youth. If successful, this project will become a model for the rest of the State and for other States looking to address youth problems.

Partnership/Funding:

The State of Alaska and Ketchikan are partnering to develop this unique project. Estimated cost of the facility is \$3. Funding is being pursued through a number of sources including:

- State of Alaska
- Federal Grants
- Mental Health Trust
- Local Contributions
- Private Foundations

Due to differing funding cycles, full or partial funding for the project is being requested from each funding sources. Currently \$1.5 Million has been included in the Governor's supplemental budget for this project. While the Legislature has voiced concerns of funding the project in this manner, there exists wide support for the project concept and need *The City of Ketchikan respectfully requests continued support for the Ketchikan Youth Detention / Diagnostic and Treatment Center along with necessary appropriations in this years State budget to fund the construction.*