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Johni,  
Attached is my testimony on 02004-19-29 I don't have the number and will be calling. Please get this to Paul Fischer to read into the record for me. Any difficulties, please call me at 567-4388.  
Thanks  
Ruby

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1-18-05

Hello Mr. Mayor and members of the Assembly. My name is Ruby Kime, I live on Alice Avenue in Ninilchik. Please accept this testimony as my verbal, for the record testimony on O.L.D.. Ordinance 2004 - 19-29

I am very opposed to the passage of this ordinance as it imposes an unnecessary financial hardship on the taxpaying citizens of the Borough. I will try to be specific, however, I am somewhat handicapped at the moment.

1. The cost of this new center is being manipulated to be under the \$1.5-million cap for required vote of the people. There is absolutely no room for error. This project is a \$5-million dollar project but anticipated grants and other maneuverings pretend this is less than a \$1.5-Million-dollar project. The land which is proposed for this center should be sold to Walmart or somebody to help remedy our financial shortfall.
2. Everyone wants to work in a new, swell facility, and the Fire Chief if no different. However, we have a under-utilized facility in Kenai (which was sold to us as a regional and even a world-wide use facility) which would do this job nicely. It might not be as convenient but it would do the job and we already have paid for it. I am certain the same financial creativity can be

applied to making the PRISM facility workable. It is a matter of WILL on the part of our elected and non-elected employees.

3. We are in difficult financial position on the Kenai Peninsula Borough. You have over-spent our savings account. Those of us who are active are stunned to realize just how much of our money has been spent over the past 2 budgets and we are paying attention. Just to maintain our minimum balance we are facing significant cuts to Borough general funding and School funding too. THE PUBLIC IS NOT FOOLED ... those of us who are active and show up really are the voices of the general population so please do what we want instead of what our HIRED-HELP wants.

Thank you for your attention to this testimony.

If you want to ask me questions, please call me at 907-567-4388, I will stand by.

Or, let Fred answer for me as he and I have most of the same ideas.