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Subject: Address Sales Tax Increase Monday the 14th,2004

Dear Borough Assembly Members,

Today I may not have the opportunity to be at the meeting at 2 P.M. due to work related reasons. However I will try to make it, for the support of my family and friends and on behalf of the tourists that obviously cannot be here to stand up for themselves.. So hopefully this e-mail will suffice, while my loved one and friends are able to meet

with you all and literally voice their **stand against this Sales Tax increase. As this is my appeal to you today. Please dissolve this motion and "reconsideration to increase taxes."**

Folks, this proposal is going to not only tax the pocket books of our penninsula residents but as you know, the tourist are greatly affected by the overall changes that have already been in affect due to the **airline prices that have sky rocketed, the fuel prices that are outrageous, and all of us have been affected by these changes.** Plus the sportfishing regulations that have interrupted our happy trourists the past two years now. The new regs. for the river have boggled the minds of many people who come into our shop, asking." what now?" The slot limit on the Kenai river for June has effected the tourists and resident anglers from wanting to fish in June.

This slot limit for June has been in effect now for two years and another new law in effect since last year has now **decreased** our ability to take the same number of people on the Kasilfo river, Now when If I have a party 12 who would like to go fishing Am and Pm with **the same guide**, I can no longer reserve the same boat for morning and afternoon trips. The new regs, for the Kasilof only allow me to book a boat for a **"one trip a day"**.

Only one trip down the Kasilof River,...

All this to say folks, that you are attempting to save money by borrowing from Peter to pay Paul to compensate for borough over spending. You cannot borrow funds from business if businesses are really hurting because of our latest price increases. I would suggest that you take the extra TIME and effort to come up with new renovative ideas that will assist in making extra money, stretching the budget or removing sale tax exemptions.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this pivitol decision.
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