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Subject: Opposition to Ordinance 2008-31
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Carey, Madam Clerk and Kenai Borough Assembly Members,

My name is Joe Ray Skrha and I live in and practice law on the Kenai since 1984. Both my daughters (Katie and Becca) were born on the Kenai and I consider the Kenai River the lifeblood of your community. I am currently out of town but I wanted to speak against Ordinance 2008-31 that would remove the 90 day notice requirement concerning the massive Chuitna strip mine project on the west side of Cook Inlet. I oppose this project for many reasons but by removing the 90 day notice requirement, Alaskans will be denied a voice in discussing this project and the developers can force this project through.

Please, do not pass Ordinance 2008-31.

Sincerely,

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To the Kenai Borough Assembly:

Thank you for hearing my comments on **Ordinance 2008-31**, the proposal to remove the 90 day notice requirement to exercise the lease option for PacRim.

A) My family and I **oppose this proposal** as it eliminates a public comment period for the final lease.

This is an **unnecessary violation of the public trust**. 90 days is already a very short period of time to announce to people critical changes that could affect their lives. Reducing this period to nothing abuses the people's rights to be participants in community decisions.

An extension of the lease time period could function to do the same thing.

B) **All corporations conducting business in Alaska should have to abide by the same rules.**

C) Asking the people to **abandon their right to public comment to benefit one company sets a precedent** that says Alaskans can be walked all over and their rights be ignored.

In general, we oppose this Ordinance because we believe that the **Borough has not done enough evaluation and study of the impacts, economic, ecological, or sociocultural, to warrant going ahead in the leasing process**. As HEA members we are particularly concerned with out such a development will impact the cost of our energy. We already have limited resources and the PacRim project looks like it would compete with us for our energy and raise costs.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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PS: We would like to request teleconferences for important decisions like this. Asking the residents of the Lower Kenai to drive 2 hours in order to participate in decisions that affects them is unfair.

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