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Homer, Alaska 99603
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Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669-7520

Re: Ordinance 2009-05 Special Assessments-Road Improvements

Dear Chair Milli Martin and Assembly Members:

Thank you for addressing the road problems on the Kenai. As a former landowner of some parcels not yet completely paid for by the buyers, my husband and I have tried to improve an existing road. This road is maintained privately but the attempt to upgrade has met unintended consequences. What was expected to take a few weeks and be economically feasible was not.

With costs so prohibitive, there is little incentive to increase one's taxes through a special assessment district. When the road is a collector road, its use by many others who are not in the small group of payees, is another disincentive. Arterial and collector roads should be the focus of borough financial assistance based on broad-based use of the roads.

By using a borough master road plan based on scientific planning tools, the borough should take the initiative to fund bringing major collector and arterial roads up to standards. This is beyond the capabilities of a few private citizens even with these improved Road Service Area procedures.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra Stark