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Mako Haggerty
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July 14, 2010

Mr Haggerty,

I am writing this letter in response to the KPB Assembly's decision to amend the FY2011 Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) Budget eliminating the salary increase for the Assistant Chief Position.. It was the expressed desires of the Service Area Board members to support this increase in conjunction with an overall adjustment to the administrative salaries comparable yet commensurate with the job classification and to fire service areas within the Kenai Peninsula.

During the hiring process candidates were advised that the salaries were in the process of being evaluated as all the applicants would have needed to take a reduction in salary to accept the position and this was the case of the hiring of Mr. Boyle. Mr. Boyle was hired from a paid firefighter position in the City of Homer in which that salary was greater than the KESA Assistant Chief Position

As a result I am respectfully requesting with unanimous support from the KESA Board that consideration be given to reinstating the increase in salary for the KESA Assistant Chief Position retroactive to July 1, 2010. The compensation is still part of the fiscal year 2011 budget and no increase to the budget is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott Simmons".

Scott Simmons
Board Chairman
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