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December 6, 2005

Dear President Ron Long and Members of the Assembly:

We, the 45 members of the Kenai Peninsula Chapter of the Alaska Farm Bureau, urge you to adopt Resolution 2005-102.

The plan to downsize and consolidate Farm Services Agency offices in Homer and Wasilla was developed in total secrecy by the State Executive Director of the Alaska Farm Services Agency, Chad Padgett. Chad has met with total and unanimous opposition to his plan, because it would cripple delivery of USDA Farm Bill Programs to the farmers and stockgrowers of Alaska. We use these programs and we are working hard to develop new programs for the 2007 Farm Bill that will specifically address the concerns and needs of farmers and stockgrowers in the "geographically disadvantaged areas" of Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

The Homer "County" is approximately the size of Texas, yet 84% of the producers who avail themselves of FSA and NRCS programs live on the Kenai Peninsula. Closing the Homer office just doesn't make any sense.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Flora

Secretary, Kenai Peninsula Chapter of the Alaska Farm Bureau

Kenai Director, Alaska Farm Bureau Board of Directors

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Re: Resolution 2005-102
2005-103
2005-105

To: Ron Fong, KPB Assembly President
& members of the assembly:

I support Resolution 2005-102. The USDA Farm County system is important to the local agricultural businesses. The agency provides valuable information, advising farmers on local production issues. It also administers Farm Bill programs. Homer area farmers are an integral part of our Community, supplying us with fresh food & a diversified economy. The agency is an important resource & research tool to the Community at large.

I support Resolution 2005-103. This stretch of highway is renowned for the number of past deaths & accidents. The reconstruction of milepost 157-169 is imperative to the safety of all drivers.

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Roberto Highland (2)

I support Resolution 105. Long-term harm has been proven & it is time to reopen the civil settlement from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Those responsible for this tragedy must be held accountable & those who suffered financial loss must be repaid.

Sincerely,
Roberto Highland