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Hi Willy,

I did not see this memo before today. I'm not exactly sure how I would have seen it unless you or Kelly Cooper sent it to me. And, you are correct, the SAB cannot address it in time for the Borough mtg tomorrow. I assume you or Kelly or someone has asked Ryan to weigh in on this?

I can only provide my thoughts as a private citizen and not as a member of the SKPH SAB. I think this proposal is a very bad idea. I am wondering who proposed this as the memo doesn't say. I have often heard comments from Homer area residents that they heard Ryan's presentation and how much they enjoyed listening to it. Ryan's quarterly reports are not purely financial either; his presentation provides information on new hires, people retiring, and new purchases. The general member of the community is not going to seek out COW transcripts to find out what is going on. However, they will listen if they have tuned into the Assembly meeting. After the recent bond failure, an effort is being made to improve the information community members have re the hospital. We have had discussions regarding the need to get information about SPH out to the community and this is one avenue (of many). Not only is SPH critical to the health and well-being of our community, it is the largest employer in the SKPH Service Area. As a private citizen, I do not support the SPH Quarterly Report being provided in a COW meeting.

Thanks for reaching out.

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