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FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

From: Blankenship, Johni**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 10:52 AM**Cc:** Navarre, Mike; Ostrander, Paul; Thompson, Colette; Chapman, Craig**Subject:** FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members**From:** Kenai Peninsula Borough [<mailto:webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>]**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 10:21 AM**To:** BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>**Subject:** New Public Comment to Assembly Members**Name:** Jennifer Beckmann**Email:** jbeckmann@ridecartsak.org**Subject:** Sales Tax for Non Profits**Message:**

I am writing to express my opposition to implementation of sales tax for non-profits, specifically taxing fares for public transit. I have reached out to public transit colleagues across the state and the country and cannot find any instances where public transit fares are subject to sales tax.

As explained in the recent informational meeting on November 30, 2016, the reasoning behind the changes to the tax code was to more or less level the playing field for nonprofits providing the same service as for profit companies. Central Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) was compared to providing the same services as the local cab company. I would argue that comparison is not correct. CARTS delivers public transportation. We subsidize every ride we give, and the majority of our riders are not riding out of choice but out of necessity. The proposed sales tax would add additional burden to our customers, taxing people that are least able to pay. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concern on this issue. If you have any questions I can be reached at 262-8900.