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Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

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Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 1:46 PM

To: Assembly

Cc: Blankenship, Johni

Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

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Subject: In regards to changing Alcohol establishment buffer

Message:

Hi, my name is Stephanie McKee and im an alcoholic and a teenage mother. Didn't expect that for an introduction did you? I stand before you today to open your eyes to another side of things that in my opinion should be the number one topic of discussion in this matter. Alcoholism. In a study done October of 2015, Alaska ranked 5th in the nation for Alcohol consumption and 3rd in the nation for DUI's. Alcohol consumption is the nation's 3rd largest risk factor. We can turn our cheek all we want but we have an alcohol problem. I am against changing from 500 feet to anything less, because we have a problem on our hands that needs to be better handled first. The only logical reason for changing from 500 feet to anything less is simple. Business. Since when does business matter more than our youth and our future here on the Kenai peninsula? I fight every day to stay sober for my daughter because she deserves a chance to break the chain and live alcohol free. Allowing the distance to be less than 500 feet only adds to the problem. You can't break a chain by adding more links. By lessening the allowed distance between an alcohol establishment you are robbing my child, and many others, of the chance to finally break the chain of alcoholism. Thank you.