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Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
c/o Borough Clerk
144 N. Binkley St.
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Dear Assembly Members:

I am writing in FAVOR of the proposed gas line to the area of Funny River described in Resolution 2016-032.

My husband Charles Pettijohn and I have been residents of this area since 2002. Our 1985 built home (Apache Acres Subdivision, Part 3, Tr. B) was originally heated with only electric baseboard, but was later modified to use oil Monitor and Toyo heaters which were considerably cheaper to operate at that time. However, increased oil prices over the years made that method incredibly expensive too. In fact, we have paid many winter utility bills (combined electric and oil) in excess of \$1000 per month, a few as high as \$1500. Converting to natural gas should reduce our winter utility costs significantly.

When my father passed away, we became owners of his property at 37550 Sara Street (Roberts Subdivision, Lot 2, Blk 1). Due to the economic downturn in 2008, we were unable to sell the property so have been leasing it out. Because that house is also heated by oil, it has been a challenge to find tenants willing to pay the high monthly utility costs. Converting the boiler to natural gas will certainly make that a more attractive rental property.

I am a retired KPB school teacher on a pension and social security income. My husband is currently working full time but plans to also retire in the near future. As we will then be living on only a fixed income, heating with natural gas rather than expensive oil will help us to remain in this home without financial hardship.

I respectfully ask that you support this proposal.

Sincerely,



Dena Pettijohn