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Ordinance 2018-19

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Good afternoon,

Thank you so much for allowing me to speak at the public hearing on 15 May. During that time, I spoke about how I personally benefited from the Borough's wise & generous support via the FY 18 Budget line item for "Postsecondary Education." I also mentioned how a portion of the monies received funded 3/4 of a full-time Veteran Service Coordinator that assists Veterans like myself to receive federal funding to pay local professors and provide Veterans federal funds as a monthly stipend. In addition to the VA (Federal money) paying for my tuition and books, I receive over \$2k a month as a monthly stipend that I in turn spend at CrossFit Kainos, Fred Meyer, Save u More, Everything Bagels among other local businesses. Without your generous support of the Veteran's Support representative at the Kenai Peninsula College, I would not be able to continue going to school as the VA Administration seems to be designed to cut or limit funding to Veterans. Having an advocate for Veterans at the school not only cuts through the VA's administrative red-tape to get Veterans the help they deserve, it also gets federal funding into the local economy.

In conclusion, fully support the Mayor's proposed FY 19 Budget line item for "Postsecondary Education." In fact, I respectfully request that you consider increasing the proposed \$820,685 to \$840,000 to take the Veteran Services Coordinator from a 3/4 full-time to a full full-time position.

Very Respectfully,

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