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To whom it may concern,

My name is Chelsea Kovalcsik and I work for the Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRC) as the Regional Environmental Coordinator. CRRC has recently signed on to be a part of the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission and would like to submit comments for the public hearing on June 16 at 6 pm.

Attached are our comments. If you have any questions or would like any further information about our organization, please let me know.

Thank you!  
-Chelsea

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# Chugach Regional Resources Commission

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April 21, 2020

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly  
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RE: KPB RESILIENCE AND SECURITY COMMISSION

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

I am writing to offer Chugach Regional Resources Commission's (CRRC) support of the Assembly establishing a Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Commission. CRRC was established in 1984 by the seven Tribes of the Chugach Region of Alaska, including the Tatulik Village IRA Council, Chenega IRA Council, Port Graham Village Council, Nanwalek IRA Council, Native Village of Eyak, Qutekcaq Native Tribe, and the Valdez Native Tribe. CRRC was formed as an inter-tribal fish and wildlife commission to collectively address issues of mutual concern regarding stewardship of the natural resources, subsistence, the environment, and to develop culturally appropriate economic projects that promote the sustainable development of the natural resources.

Our member Tribes are located in Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet, a remote region largely limited in travel to small aircraft, charter aircraft and boat travel, with seasonal Alaska marine highway service. Known as Alutiiq, or Sugpiaq, our members are a southern coastal people of Alaska. There are approximately 1,000 Tribal members living in our seven communities.

CRRC is governed by a seven-member board of directors composed of one Tribally elected representative from each community. CRRC is the primary federal contractor for the Chugach Region for natural resource, environment, and economic/community development projects. Programs under the organization include [climate change adaptation planning](#)<sup>1</sup>, migratory bird management, [ocean acidification](#)<sup>2</sup>.

We support the establishment of a solutions-oriented commission to focus on the following issues:

1. Divert materials that would otherwise be discarded in the landfills within the borough, more specifically in our serviced Tribes of Port Graham and Nanwalek to extend the lifetime of landfills and save taxpayer dollars;
2. Improve cost and energy efficiency of buildings and transportation in Port Graham and Nanwalek;
3. Increase use of local, clean energy to (a) modernize electricity generation, storage and distribution; (b) increase energy independence; (c) diversify the grid and reduce supply volatility;
4. Support hazard mitigation planning that accounts for changing environmental conditions on the peninsula;
5. Improve Alaska Native community food security through support of local agriculture, protection of the ecological integrity of fish and wildlife habitat, protection of water resources, and other means;
6. We encourage the use of cost-benefit analyses to understand the impact per dollar sustainability programs can produce. However, natural resources provide a number of non-monetary benefits through the cultural, regulating, supporting ecosystem services they provide in addition to resource extraction. CRRC encourages the Commission to develop a protocol to account for these non-monetary services in cost-benefit analyses.
7. Engage and communicate with the Alaska Native borough communities of Port Graham and Nanwalek to develop sustainable resource initiatives.

A primary purpose would be to formulate policies that generate significant savings and jobs for the borough. Serving as a bridge between our Alaska Native communities, administrators, and experts, this commission will improve the borough's ability to develop effective policies that protect Tribe's interests and those of future generations. A body focused on comprehensive long-range resource planning is needed to protect our private property and public lands; to promote self-sufficiency and protect our business investments; to safeguard the welfare of our families and of our subsistence lifestyles. Please invest in the future of families, businesses and Tribes in the area and establish the Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important resolution regarding a Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Commission. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

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