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Borough Mayor David Carey Assembly President Gary Knopp Kenai Peninsula Borough 148 N. Binkley Street Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Gentlemen:

Yesterday it came to my attention that at the Assembly meeting this evening a resolution will be presented which declares the Borough to be malapportioned. Further, this resolution envisions the establishment of a reapportionment committee which will generate a proposal to correct the inconsistency highlighted by the recent census.

As you are aware, the School Board is apportioned into districts which mirror those of the Assembly. I do not recall the wording of the Assembly/public action which created districts for the School Board seats, but I assume that any reapportionment of the Assembly districts would result in a parallel change in the School Board representation areas.

In light of this change, we (the Board of Education) respectfully request to participate in the development of a reapportionment plan for the Borough. While the establishment of a committee for the purpose is clearly within your purview, we would like to have a "seat at the table" in the development of such a plan.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Joe Arness, President Board of Education