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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

I am Guy Ashby, the Mayor of Chignik. We have taken a hard hit financially in Chignik. Not fishing in 2018 was devastating. Revenue has been declining since the late nineties.

In the boat harbor, the boats can't pay their harbor bills and we aren't collecting revenue from at least 15 boats that left to fish other areas because fishing has been so bad in Chignik. These boats that left are important to the economy and we rely on the revenue they generate.

The cost of doing business is 7000 gallons of fuel in one month and parts for the power house. The city's loader, grater, dozer, fire truck costs are increasing with inflation and our revenue is decreasing. The road conditions are not good and we are running out of money to make repairs on the roads or any unexpected equipment breakdowns.

The City of Chignik relies on the revenue from two taxes - a 1% landing tax and a 1% processing tax - to fund basic City services. Chignik fish taxes pay the bills like fuel and parts for equipment. Total tax revenue for both taxes in 2018 was \$0. It is going to take Chignik years to recover from the loss of this revenue.

Families have been moving out of Chignik this fall to Anchorage, Kodiak, and Washington. No work, no money, no city, no village,

The only thing stopping me from leaving Chignik is my elderly inlaws. I have 31 years in fire fighting and EMS. If I leave who will help the community.

If the city fails, the state must take over.

Right now every fish counts - everything counts for the City of Chignik, for the people. Proposal 61 will directly help us recover and sustain our economic health in Chignik.

City Of Chignik  
Mayor Guy Ashby