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Subject: Joan Kautzer Testimony on Kake Road resolution

Am submitting this on behalf of Joan Kautzer, to be read at meeting. Please read what is pasted Below:

When Kupreanof became part of the Petersburg Borough it did so with the assurance that the interests of its residents would receive respect and representation. The city and residents of Kupreanof have a long record of being against the Kake road, predating borough formation.

From the outset, the purpose and need for this road project was never clearly stated or proven. The tortured reasoning given to the public has metamorphosed from an intertie power corridor to Kake, accompanied by a utility road; to just being a road without an intertie, but with year-round plowing and a ferry service at the end; to a road with no ferry and maybe plowing, to being Kake's solution for medivacs to Petersburg to its final configuration: a road that links no one to nowhere and doesn't solve Kake's power needs.

This road is a giant giveaway to log exporters with no clear benefits for Kake, Kupreanof, or Petersburg. The affected communities have been consistently left out of the loop and mislead. This is an example of corrupt politics and governance at its worst.

We should not reward underhanded misappropriation of public funds with silent acquiescence. In a time of state fiscal crisis, with the evisceration of basic ferry service, and a worldwide pandemic we need to send a strong message that this road is a waste of money. It's not OK to lie to the public. As a resident of this borough I urge the council to please support this resolution.

Thank You,
Joan Kautzer