

February 15, 2017

To:  
Mr. Mark Sullivan  
Tail Gate Alaska

From:  
Ms. Ruth E. Knight  
Mayor, City of Valdez, Alaska

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

As you can imagine, the members of the Valdez City Council have received many letters, emails, phone calls, and visits regarding your request to DNR to expand Tail Gate to 90 days and 3000 people. The City has no jurisdiction on the Pass and so can not weigh in on the decision that will be rendered by the State of Alaska, however we do feel that it is appropriate to remind you of the promise you made to us during the budget hearings.

**We are looking forward to receiving copies of all your receipts from purchases in Valdez, as you promised at the budget hearings.** These will prove to us that your entity does bring an economic benefit to the City of Valdez and how large that benefit is for our community. It would also be advantageous for us to have numbers of participants and the amounts they spent for services in Valdez, such as lodging (hotels/b-and-bs), food (restaurants/groceries), entertainment, and gas. We have been told over and over that Tail Gate participants never come to town, since they come with RVs and food from Anchorage, so have no need to use services in Valdez. It would be good to know how valid this statement is and would also help the Council decide on future funding.

Please let this serve as a reminder that after Tail Gate is wrapped up this year, the City of Valdez will be expecting at least your receipts and at most a good report accompanying those receipts.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth E. Knight".

Ruth E. Knight