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REPRESENTATIVE MIKE CHENAULT HOUSE DISTRICT 29

March 12, 2018

Emily Wezenber
Providence Seward Medical and Care Center Health Advisory Council
417 1st Avenue
Seward, AK 99664

Dear Ms. Wezenberg:

Please consider this letter as a letter of support for the Seward Community Bike Project Grant.

Seward does not have safe biking opportunities, or an area dedicated to improving bike handling skills. There is also a lack of easily accessible outdoor activities that encourage Seward's pre-teens, teens, and young adults to choose healthy life choices instead of drugs, alcohol and other unhealthy options. In addition to providing physical activity, this project will provide an opportunity to teach the community's children the importance of community interactions of service, cooperation, and leadership; a true community gathering place.

Through a grassroots effort between Parents Advocating Recreational Kids Stuff (PARKS), the Seward PTA, volunteers, and with the help of Ptarmigan Trails, LLC, are working together to enrich Seward's environment by building a safe arena to aide in developing a life-long love of biking and the community's capacity to live well through biking opportunities that benefit both mental and physical health. This arena will be a safe bike park designed for all ages, all bikes, and all abilities that will include a skills course to develop bike handling skills, a single track, and a pump track. This cross-generational venue will be a community gathering place for families and visitors alike. The goals and objectives align with the Seward Providence grant criteria and PARKS believes a community bike park would make a significant impact to the residents of Seward.

The Seward PTA recently contributed \$10,000.00 to seed the Seward Community Bike Park Project.

I heartily encourage your support of this project.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Chenault".

Representative Mike Chenault
House District 29