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Mayor and Assembly members,

I am writing this e-mail in opposition to the Haines Borough maintaining a sauna if it is paid for by private funding. I was opposed to this the last time it was on the agenda but I just want to make sure this gets into your packets as my opinion and opposition to this project, resolution 14-04-554.

I know that you have a letter of support by the Haines Chamber of Commerce but I do not support their position, even though I am a Chamber member with two businesses.

Our community is dying on the vine and we have infrastructure that is in disrepair. Look at our city streets. There isn't a City street that doesn't have dips, holes, humps and bumps. When visitors come to Haines, I am certain that they have an impression that we are a very poor community. The Haines pool was built when Alaska had "Oil" money and they couldn't spend it fast enough. Since then, the pool has cost us money and although is used by the kids and adults, it is still something that constantly needs repairs and maintenance and doesn't pay for itself. If a sauna is built with private money, then I have no doubt that the maintenance and repairs will far exceed any revenue it might bring in.

Take a walk down main street. There are empty buildings everywhere, so many that they are now the main focus on the front page of the CVN. Lets see what we can do to get some sort of year round economy into Haines, to bring in working families.

Please do not support this project, resolution 14-04-554.