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Bay fishermen this year. Also, there was still a sizeable fish tax to be paid on these fish.

Another reason would be the Chignik salmon district closure due to Exxon creating an economic disaster for five southern borough communities.

One final reason would be the new borough's lack of an economic plan for the region. An example of how a borough can help its citizens and improve the tax base is the Aleutians East Borough. Our brothers to the west maintain a 1 1/2 percent sales tax on raw fish only. In that borough, funds not only maintain a sound school system, but have been used in fishery in-

frastructure development in such projects as a boat ramp in Nelson Lagoon, a breakwater in Akutan, a boat travel lift and dock in King Cove and harbor improvements in Sand Point.

A recent check with the Lake and Peninsula Borough office on capital improvement requests for this upcoming legislative session revealed that the borough was only submitting requests that the school district was lobbying. This comes as no surprise because of what our school superintendent stated immediately following the voters turning down a previous sales tax request. He stated that the borough will need that tax, and he would try to get the tax later.

In conclusion I plead to the borough assembly members to please ax the tax. I have been working the same job

for about six years, and I am happy, but I live from pay day to pay day. My family has no land, and we do not own our home, so my family is not in favor of any new taxes.

I'm sure there are many others out there who feel the same. We must render unto God what is God's and unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and we are people blessed by the type of government we have — for the people, by the people.

Hold onto your wallets.

If you are a Lake and Peninsula Borough resident and are against any more taxes please contact the seven borough assembly members and let them know.

Sincerely,  
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