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Mayor Mark Begich
Municipality of Anchorage
632 West 6th Avenue, Suite 840
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RE: Uwe Kalenka, Karen Bretz criminal trespass charges at Sullivan Arena (4/6/03)

Dear Mayor Begich,

You've undoubtedly heard of the tragic death of Eric Kalenka Friday morning at the Taco Bell on 5th Avenue.

His father, Uwe Kalenka, was a candidate a year ago in the Chugach Electric Association board election. Incredibly, he and his friend, attorney Karen Bretz, were charged by the MOA as criminals for **peaceably** handing out campaign literature on the plaza sidewalk outside the Sullivan Arena! See photo and other info:

<http://www.chugachconsumers.org/Lib/arrest.htm> (Attached)

For this they were handcuffed and -- after the arrival of police supervisor Lt. Paul Honeman, who had been an unsuccessful candidate in 2000 for the very same Chugach Electric board for which Kalenka was campaigning -- thrown in jail.

These charges should have been immediately dismissed and an investigation undertaken by the Mayor and Assembly to find out how such a travesty could happen in our town.

Instead, persecution of Karen and Uwe is continuing. They were in court Thursday defending themselves and the public's free speech rights only twelve hours before Uwe's son was killed.

Even though justice and common sense has, so far, not prevailed, **OUT OF BASIC HUMANITY, THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE MOA TO DROP THESE OUTRAGEOUS CHARGES.**

Sincerely,

CHUGACH CONSUMERS

[SIGNED AND TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY]

Ray Kreig, Chairman
[former president, Chugach Electric Board of Directors]

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