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Honorable Members of the State of Alaska Senate Finance Committee:

The Malaspina is the life blood of the Municipality of Skagway. The investment by the State of Alaska in to the operation of limited service in winter and day-boat service during summer is critical to our business needs. Any reduction in service would directly translate into reduced Skagway employment and reduced business activity. Further many of the supplies and services we enjoy originate in Juneau and would be otherwise difficult for us to obtain without the Alaska Marine Highway service. My business, which is lodging oriented would be crippled by any significant reduction in ferry service. As I understand the Juneau-Haines/Skagway run is the one that runs near capacity. In the past it has served nearly 30,000 passengers per year, many of them staying at my Inn and eating meals in the various food service establishments in town.

Many people have already booked rooms with me on the anticipation that the ferry will fun the published schedule. A change to this years schedule would be a catastrophe in trust that will take many years to repair.

Respectfully submitted

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