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The Honorable Eric Feige Co-Chair House Resources Committee Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Room 126 Juneau AK, 99801 The Honorable Dan Saddler Co-Chair House Resources

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## **RE:** HB-80 – Wastewater permitting of large cruise ships

Dear Representative Feige and Representative Saddler,

We would like to ask for your support for House Bill 80, regarding cruise ship wastewater permits. As a company we rely on cruise ship visitors during the summer to get us through the winter.

Being in the aviation business we understand the importance of regulation and government oversight. We also have a strong belief that the environment is essential the tourism. The natural beauty our guests experience is of prime importance to our company. We believe there is a balance between the two. House Bill 80 is right on track with that balance.

It makes sense now to review the data from the Science advisory Panel and move forward with their recommendations. It s encouraging that the Department of Environmental Conservation is be these recommendations as well. How often do you have two such organizations agree on anything?

We fell that the Governor's fix is a good one and doesn't create an arbitrary regulation on the industry and it is based on good science. The cruise lines have done just about everything they can to accommodate the 2006 initiative and this just makes sence. We kindly ask for your help and support.

Sincerely,

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