

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 11:09 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Support for SB 29 Passage Today

January 28, 2013

Re: Senate Bill 29

Dear Senator Giessel,

I'm writing today for my wife and myself asking that you please support SB 29, and pass it through committee today as is.

The Science Advisory Panel, a group of independent experts, has spent the last three years working on the waste water issue, and they have concluded that there is no further harm to aquatic life.

They also concluded that the advanced waste water treatment systems on board the cruise ships are the most effective treatment systems available.

The Alaska DEC will still have control over where, when, and how discharges are completed. This oversight will protect Alaska's waters.

My family's income – and the incomes for the 26 people who work in our 27-year old family-owned sightseeing company - depends on the visitors from the cruise ships. The economies of many Southeast Alaska communities now depend on cruise tourism. The cruise industry needs a stable, dependable business environment to be able to plan for the future, as do Alaskan businesses. Your firm decision today to finally move this matter ahead will help to do that.

Thank you for your support Senator, and for your quick action on this extremely important piece of legislation. Passing SB 29 will help our families, our employees, our communities, and the entire regional economy.

Most Sincerely,

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