



February 19, 2013

Senator Gary Stevens  
State of Alaska 28<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
State Capitol Room 429  
Juneau, Ak 99801

Dear Senator Stevens,

The Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, representing over 500 businesses, individuals and organizations, would like to voice their support for S.B. 24 – a bill expanding the Marine Transportation Advisory Board from 11 to 12 seats and providing the Southcentral Region with an additional seat.

Our Chamber supports the creation of an additional set on the MTAB that would give representation to the Southern Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak areas. The ports and communities of Homer, Kodiak, Seldovia, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, and Old Harbor would all benefit and feel as though they have a voice on this very important board.

Understanding who we are, the ins and outs of our respective communities, and the importance of the Alaska Marine Highway to each of those communities is vital for us going forward. It will provide us with additional tools that will contribute to the economic growth and development of our entire region.

Respectfully,

Executive Director  
Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center