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To: Senator Pete Kelly
Senator Anna MacKinnon
Members of the Senate Finance Committee and
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Re: Proposed changes to the F/V Chenega Schedule

I am a long time Cordova resident to whom ferry service is extremely important, both to me personally and to the community of Cordova. I feel very strongly that suspending service to the community with the F/V Chenega particularly from May - September will have severe negative effects on the community.

The fast ferry has benefited the community enormously in terms of increased tourism and expanded shipping opportunities for salmon both of which are very important to the economic health of Cordova. The ferry has extremely high ridership in the summer months and is almost always full. The quick transit time allows residents to get to Anchorage in a timely manner and complete their business without spending two full days travelling back and forth.

With the opening of the Cordova Center, good ferry service will become increasingly important as small conferences and events book the Cordova Center and need transportation opportunities for attendees.

I realize that the state is facing a large budget shortfall and is looking for ways to save money. However, I feel that this is the wrong way as I think it will decrease economic opportunities in Cordova. I realize that ferry fares do not cover the cost of ferry operation, but the ferry service is our road, and as such should be supported by the state just as the road systems are.

Please include this testimony in the committee packet and record.

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