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Hello,

I am writing to ask that you do not cut funding or reduce sailings of the Alaska Marine Highway System in Southeast. The Ferry System is an extremely vital highway for us, just like the highways are for those who live in the Mat-Su Valley. Possibly another way to save money would be to only plow the highways in the Mat-Su Valley 3-4 days a week and turn those road systems into toll roads year round. If you are scoffing at this idea then you should also be scoffing at cutting funding for the AMHS. It is no different or less important to us than the highways in the Mat-Su Valley are to those who live there.

I would also like to suggest the idea of stopping the Alaska Permanent Fund distribution checks to each Alaskan, and instead keeping the Fund for helping the State out in lean times. That's how much the Ferry System means to me, that I would be willing to give up my Permanent Fund check to help support it.

Thank you for your time.

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