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To: Senate Finance Committee

Subject: AMHA Operating Budget--please do not make the drastic cuts

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Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing to you regarding the state senate budget cut regarding the state ferry system. In the past year we have already seen cuts and reduced ferry support for our small and remote town, during the winter especially. Please consider reducing these AMHA operating budget cuts to help ensure our communities can remain viable year round communities. Reducing the ferry access is harmful to tourism, and creates and economic hardship, during the summer months and reduced ferry schedules makes our community more vulnerable when a health emergency occurs and someone has to leave immediately, flying is not always an option.

Please do not make the drastic budget cuts to the AMHA operating budget.

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