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House Transportation Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**Re: Opposition to HB366**

Dear members of the Alaska House Transportation Committee:

On behalf of Matson, we respectfully ask that you oppose HB366. This bill, which bans the use of heavy petroleum fuel oil in ocean vessels operating in Alaska, would impose immediate and significant risks to the state's supply chain, cost of living, and maritime commerce.

For more than 140 years, Matson has served as a critical lifeline for non-contiguous communities across the Pacific, delivering essential goods and supporting local economies. In Alaska, Matson provides vital, dependable freight service to Anchorage, Kodiak, and Dutch Harbor – delivering food, household goods, building materials, vehicles, and even medical supplies. According to a McDowell Group report, 90% of Alaskans rely on goods that come from ocean carriers that call at the Port of Alaska in Anchorage. These Alaskans rely on regular ocean shipping services which this legislation could prevent.

**Direct Threat to Essential Alaska Supply Lines**

Fuel that is used to power Matson's Alaska fleet could be banned under HB366. Matson takes its commitment to environmental stewardship extremely seriously as an operator in some of the most pristine environments in the world. As such, Matson's vessels serving Alaska use closed-loop exhaust scrubber systems that exceed State of Alaska and International Maritime Organization emission standards. Since Matson already exceeds such stringent standards, HB366 will do relatively little to improve the environment while potentially depriving communities of essential goods.

HB366's ban on heavy petroleum fuel oil disregards the impact on Alaska's maritime cargo industry, families and the economy. Furthermore, the bill disregards real world emissions performance while not meaningfully advancing Alaska's environmental goals.

Instead, HB366 could cause severe disruption to essential lifeline shipping service, raise the cost of living for families and businesses, and undermine ocean carriers already investing heavily in cleaner technology. The bill's exemption process is discretionary, not guaranteed, making it possible that Matson could lose the ability to operate in Alaska.

Because of the risks HB366 poses to Alaska's supply chain and the families that rely on Matson's essential ocean shipping services, we respectfully ask you to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

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