



April 22, 2026

Senator Kelly Merrick
State Capitol Room 504
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Merrick,

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) supports the current version of Senate Bill 26, which would align the State of Alaska's time zone with Pacific Standard Time (PST). CLIA represents the global cruise industry, which includes the world's most prestigious ocean, river, and specialty cruise lines. Our member cruise lines bring over 90% of cruise visitors to Alaska each year, visiting each region of the state.

Cruise tourism is a vital industry to Alaska, especially in Southeast Alaska, and tourism overall is the number one wage and job provider in Southeast. Our cruise lines and visitors, small local businesses, tour operators, and retailers all depend on extended daylight hours to maximize operating and tour hours. Remaining on PST would provide certainty for these businesses and allow them to capture the most business during the short summer season.

Thank you for your work on this legislation and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ree", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Renée Limoge Reeve
Vice President of Government Relations
Cruise Lines International Association