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Senator Bert Stedman P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 516 Juneau, AK 99811-0001 RECEIVED

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Dear Senator Stedman:

Thank you for your support of the Cruise Line Industry in our state. The continued growth and sustainability of the Cruise Industry is important to us as a business and to the community that we live in.

The proposed changes to the wording that HB 134 addresses will allow ADEC to use science for determining safe discharge limits. The people and business that will be hurt by this permitting process is Alaskan's. The language that is now in the initiative may cause a decrease in port times and that will have an adverse impact on our business and many other businesses not only in our community but throughout the state.

I do not think the intention of the initiate nor of Alaskans was to cause one industry to be treated less favorably than another nor to have discharge limits that not even Alaska communities are held accountable to or could meet for "End-of-pipe" effluent limits.

I ask for your continued efforts and support as this bill moves through the legislative process.

Respectfully,

Joe Hicks, General Manager

cc: House of Representatives

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February 17, 2009

Representative Cathy Munoz P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 409 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Representative Munoz:

Thank you for your support of HB 134 and the work that you did to introduce the bill in Committee. The continued growth and sustainability of the Cruise Industry is important to our business and the well being of our employees.

The proposed changes to the wording that HB 134 addresses will allow ADEC to use science for determining safe discharge limits. The original language in the initiative may cause a decrease in port times and that will have an adverse impact on our business as we rely on the current port times so that our guests are able to fully enjoy the product we offer. Should the proposed language in HB 134 not get passed through the legislature then ships will have to travel outside of Alaskan Waters to discharge waste and this will most likely affect businesses and local revenues.

I do not think the intention of the initiate nor of Alaskans was to cause one industry to be treated less favorably than another nor to have set limits that not even Alaska communities are held accountable to.

We encourage a vote in favor of the bill and thank you again for your support.

Respectfully,

Aug Jannesor Craig Jennison, General Manager

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Senator Bert Stedman P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 516 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Senator Stedman:

Thank you for your continued support of our visitor industry and specifically the cruise line industry. The continued growth and sustainability of the Cruise Industry is important to us as a business and to the community that we live in.

The wording that HB 134 proposes changing gives ADEC back the authority to do their job and corrects the error in the Initiatives original wording. As a business that provides water hook-ups for the vessels while in our port, it is shocking that the water we sell the Cruise Ships under the original Initiative would be illegal for the lines to discharge in Alaska waters.

Thank you again for your support.

Respectfully,

Ethan Berto, President

cc: Senate and Governors Office



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February 17, 2009

Senator Bert Stedman P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 516 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Senator Stedman:

Thank you for your long standing and continued support of the Cruise Line Industry. I am asking you to continue to support the language that is in HB 134 as the bill moves through committees and comes before the Senate. As the manager of a business that deals with regulations I would hope that we as a State do not discourage nor treat one industry different from others when applying for discharge permits.

The language that HB 134 addresses changing from the original initiative is what I believe the voters understood they were passing in 2006. I do not believe that any Alaskan resident had the intention to treat the Cruise Industry any less favorably than other communities or industries.

I ask that you work diligently to see that the language changes offered in this bill are moved forward through the full legislature.

Respectfully,

John A. Thompson, General Manager

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cc: Senate



February 17, 2009

Senator Bert Stedman P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 516 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Senator Stedman:

Thank you for your continued support of our visitor industry and specifically the cruise line industry. HB 134 is important to well-being of this company and the people that work for us.

The wording that HB 134 proposes to change will have a positive and long term impact on the coastal communities and all of Alaska. Thank you for recognizing that we have no legitimate basis for treating cruise ships less favorably than other communities or industries seeking discharge permits.

Thank you again for your support.

Respectfully,

Bob Berto, President

CC: SENATE AND GOVERNORS OFFICE

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Re: HB134

Hi, my name is Geraldine Ann Gray. I currently live in Juneau, Alaska. I grew up between Sitka, Mt. Edgecumbe, Hoonah & Metlakatla, Alaska. I am so very fortunate to have family in all these towns as well as Angoon and Yakutat.

My family on both sides have gathered our traditional foods from time immemorial. Our foods are as much a part of our culture today as they have been for our ancestors. We gather most of it from the ocean/sea.

I urge the committee to amend HB134 Section (e) in 3-5 years. A deadline of 3-5 years is reasonable, realistic and absolutely necessary. A deadline is the only incentive for compliance.

PROTECT our traditional food gathering areas and our fisheries from the many chemicals and heavy metals in cruise ship waste water.

Only God and the one who is "dumping" the waste water and chemicals know what is exactly being put into our precious waters. This is not even taking into consideration what is washing ashore onto our plant life and our deer are eating.

I would personally like to know (I am sure I am not the only one) on how and when the cruise ship/other large ships dumping of the chemicals and waste waters correlate to when we started losing so many to cancers and other illnesses. It has been on the rise more and more from Metlakatla to Yakutat.

Thank you for your time.

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Representative Kyle Johansen P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 204 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Representative Johansen:

Thank you for the work you did on HB 134 and your long standing and continued support for the Cruise Line Industry. As the manager of a local business my clients and as a result myself depend on the continued vitality of the Cruise Industry.

If the language of the initiative that states "end-of-pipe" effluent limits that the voters passed in 2006 is not changed and I believe was not intended; then the communities of Alaska may suffer from shorter port times which could result in a loss of business to my self and others directly and indirectly dependant upon the Cruise Industry. I do not believe that the intention of the bill was to treat one industry less favorably than others when applying for discharge permits.

I encourage the committee to vote in favor of this bill.

Respectfully,

Mike Lyshol, Geheral Manager

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Representative Kyle Johansen P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 204 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Representative Johansen:

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I encourage the committee to vote in favor of this bill.

Respectfully,

Mike Lyshol, General Manager

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Senator Bert Stedman P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 516 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Senator Stedman:

Thank you for your continued support of the states visitor industry. The continued growth and sustainability of all tourism is important to us as a business and to the communities that we live in. Our company is in strong support of the language changes supported by HB 134, we think that this is what Alaskan's originally thought the initiative said.

I do not believe that the intention of the Initiative or Alaskans was to treat one industry less favorably than others when applying for discharge permits. An industry doing business in Alaska should not be held to standards that we as individual communities can not meet ourselves. By correcting the wording in the original bill DEC will have the tools to use the best available science, as they do with all industries in Alaska, for establishing safe discharge limits that will continue to protect Alaska's clean water.

I encourage all of you to support this bill.

Respectfully,

Debbie Azure

Yacht Services of Alaska

cc: Senate



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February 18, 2009

Honorable Bob Lynn House of Representatives P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 104 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

## Dear Representative Lynn:

I would like to ask for your support of the language changes proposed in HB 134 and to vote yes. Our company works closely with the Cruise Lines handling the Stevedoring work and providing heavy equipment needs they may have. Many of Alaska's communities depend on the job opportunities that the Cruise Industry has afforded us; a yes vote to remove those five words at the point of discharge from the original Initiative will go a long ways in showing support for continued investment by the Cruise Lines in our State.

I do not believe that the intention of the Initiative or Alaskans was to treat one industry less favorably than others when applying for discharge permits. An industry doing business in Alaska should not be held to standards that we as individual communities can not meet ourselves. By correcting the wording in the original bill DEC will have the tools to use the best available science, as they do with all industries in Alaska, for establishing safe discharge limits that will continue to protect Alaska's clean water.

I encourage you to support this bill for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Respectfully

Bob Berte, Director

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February 18, 2009

Honorable Bob Lynn House of Representatives P.O. Box 110001 Capitol Building, Room 104 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Representative Lynn:

I would like to ask for your support of the language changes to the Initiative passed in 2006 that are proposed in HB 134 and to vote yes. Our company handles all of the baggage screening and security needs in both Whittier and Seward for the Cruise Lines. The Initiative that was passed in 2006 contains language that could have long term negative effects on the sustainability of the Cruise Industry and consequently our company.

I do not believe that the intention of the Initiative or Alaskans was to treat one industry less favorably than others when applying for discharge permits. An industry doing business in Alaska should not be held to standards that we as individual communities can not meet ourselves. By correcting the wording in the original bill DEC will have the tools to use the best available science, as they do with all industries in Alaska, for establishing safe discharge limits that will continue to protect Alaska's clean water.

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Respectfully,

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