

January 28, 2013

**The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor, State of Alaska
Alaska State Capital
Juneau, Alaska, 99801-1182**

**Re.: Alaska Class Ferries
DOT&PF Commissioner Appointment**

Dear Governor Parnell,

With all that has been reported by our local Juneau Empire, statewide radio and television news coverage, I must commend your two recent decisions of;

- **Resizing the Alaska class ferry and**
- **Appointing lifelong Alaskan and department career employee Pat Kemp to the Commissioners position of the Department of Transportation and Public Faculty.**

As a 53 year Alaska resident that had owned a private engineering and surveying business for 35 of those years and the majority of my Alaska residence in Southeast Alaska I understand the importance of both the Alaska Marine Highway System and budgets. Since the 2006 genesis of the "Alaska Class Ferry", such a ship had a specific size and purpose. The purpose was to supplement our roadway transportation system in several regions of Southeast Alaska. It was to be a ship of day service with limited running times and crew. It also had a budget that amongst other goals, helped to reduce Alaska's subsistence to the marine transportation system. That ship through the public hearing process had no business adding both crew and passenger state rooms and over 50 feet to its length to the 2006 outlined budget process.

Your recent action to bring this needed project back to both economic and need reality can only be commended.

Your choice of Pat Kemp as Alaska's Commissioner of Transportation and Public Facilities is also a decision that must be commended. Pat is an individual with the engineering education and close to 40 years of experience, almost all being in the transportation field. He has a lifetime of training to lead Alaska's need in ground, air and marine transportation. That training started at the bottom of transportation engineering. Pat Kemp's education, experience and personal abilities led to his rise in leadership. His recent manner and choice of the department's reorganization and Deputies reflects his wisdom in Alaska needs for the department.

Again, your recent decision to appoint Pat Kemp Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities must also be commended. Pat Kemp's leadership, along with his Deputies and key management staff will thrust Alaska's ground, air and marine transportation system's far into the future, serving and aiding all Alaskan's.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Malcolm A. Menzies". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Malcolm" being the most prominent part.

Malcolm A. Menzies, P.E. & L.S.

**xc. Senator Dennis Egan, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee and Committee Members
Senators Dyson, Fairclough, Bishop and French**

**Representative Peggy Wilson, Chairperson, House Transportation Committee and Committee
Members Representatives Feige, Gallis, Johnson, Lynn and Kreiss-Tompkins**