



January 23, 2013

The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Capital Building
Chair, Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol Room #427
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: SB 29 – Wastewater Permitting of large cruise ships

Dear Senator Giessel,

We would like to ask for your support for Senate Bill 29, regarding Cruise ship wastewater permits. As a company we rely on cruise ship visitors during the summer to get us through the winter.

Being in the aviation business, we understand the importance of regulation and government oversight. We also have a strong belief that the environment is essential to tourism. The natural beauty our guests experience is of prime importance to our company. We believe there is a balance between the two. Senate Bill 29 is right on track with that balance.

It makes sense now to review the data from the Science Advisory Panel and move forward with their recommendations. It is encouraging that the Department of Environmental Conservation is behind these recommendations as well. How often do you have two such organizations agree on anything?

We feel that the Governor's fix is a good one and doesn't create an arbitrary regulation on the industry and it is based on good science. The cruise lines have done just about everything they can to accommodate the 2006 initiative and this just makes sense. We kindly ask for your help and support.

Sincerely,

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