

From: [Mike](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Ferry Service
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I am writing to you as the owner of the Skagway Brewing Co., a business which largely depends on visitors to Skagway. Tourism is THE industry in Skagway, and these cuts to our ferry service will not only hurt my business and it's employees, but it will hurt our entire town. Those employees will not be needed for those ferry arrival and departure shifts. The money that they would have made would have been dispersed around town in one way or another, or saved for the long winter where we have over 30% unemployment. Due to our geographic location at the top of the Lynn Canal, we have many factors working against our economic prosperity, and really only three working for it. Those three are cruise ships, road traffic, and the ferry system. By cutting back on the ferry system, our town's economic health will undoubtedly be negatively affected. I understand that the state is facing a budget crisis, but taking measures that knowingly hurt Alaska's economy are not the right budget cuts. I urge you to please reconsider the drastic cuts to our ferry system, to our livelihood.

Sincerely,

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