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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Alaska Marine Highway Service
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Dear Senate Finance Committee:

Please restore funding to the Alaska Marine Highway's operating budget so the State of Alaska can provide services already scheduled aboard the ferries this summer. Many people have already booked tickets and based their entire travel plans around the Marine Highway Schedule.

My community depends on the Marine Highway for just about everything as we are not tied to the road system. We already have very little tourism, and what we did have, was because of the fast ferry service out of Whittier. Our local stores and businesses depend on supplies and air freight is just not affordable.

I realize that all departments will have to cut costs, but I think efficiencies could be found by...

However, reductions should be made in a planned, thoughtful, and timely way. Slashing service already scheduled will likely cost the State more in lost revenue than it will gain in savings.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely
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