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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 business depends on the Marine Highway for supplies, and for most of our visitor travel in the summer/fall months. Cutting the ferry is essentially cutting the lifeline to small communities that are not on the road system.

We 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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