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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Alaska Marine Highway
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Dear Senators of the Finance Committee,

I am writing to you due to my concern over the proposed cuts to the Alaska Marine Highway budget.

The Alaska Marine Highway is an essential part of our way of life in Southeast Alaska. It is considered every time travel plans are made, Doctor and dentist visits are scheduled, specialist visits are scheduled, vet visits, elderly people who cannot fly due to medical issues need to use the ferry system, pregnant women leaving to have their babies where there is a doctor need to use the ferry system, sports teams travelling to and from games, major events in Southeast communities that attract people from other communities, summer tourists, just to mention a few. The economic and social impact the cut to the Alaska Marine Highway will have is devastating. Our resources and opportunities are already limited, why limit them further? With so many brilliant and creative minds on the committee, I believe that you can find a better solution rather than cutting the Alaska Marine Highway budget so drastically and removing a system of transportation that we rely on. I urge you to reconsider the proposed budget cuts and find an alternative budget modification.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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