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This email is a request to please take into consideration the impact the proposed cuts to the AMHS budget would have on Skagway. These cuts would effect us drastically financially. However in addition, it would effect our whole community negatively in the following ways and more:

- The ferry is a life line for Skagway. There are many days we are not able to fly out of Skagway or drive because of bad weather. Our clinic can not handle emergency situations such as childbirth and life threatening situations.
- EVERY BUSINESS would be negatively impacted financially.
- Our children travel by ferry to sporting events. A decrease in ferries would decrease this possibility.
- Some people do not fly to and from Skagway because it gets very windy and they are afraid to fly. How will these people get to Juneau for doctors appointments without having to pay for a hotel for days on hand?
- I do believe this would cause people to move from Skagway.

Presently, there are not enough ferries running in the winter. There have already been cuts made by cutting shore side personnel and closing the bars amongst others. Please understand the detriment this will cause our community.

Thank you,  
Denise Sager