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**To:** [Senate Finance Committee](#)  
**Cc:** ["Nancy Berg"](#)  
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Dear Legislature:

We are a small hotel in Skagway, Alaska and are very dependent upon The Alaska Marine Highway system for the welfare of our business. Skagway has a unemployment rate of over 20% through the winter and we depend on the summer economy to survive and have done so for 20 years.

Our hotel has 9 rooms, which gives us the ability to sell 270 room nights a month. Our reservations to date are 83 room nights for May. Of these only 4 do not depend on the AMHS. June reservations are 140 of these only 14 do not use the AMHS. July we have 126 reservations, 12 of which do not count on the ferry.

This shows you how dependent our business is on the system. Not only would cuts limit our revenue, we will have to go back to every one of these reservations and tell them their plans will not work, adding to our work load, for not. The state needs to honor its commitment. If cuts need to be made make them before printing a schedule.

If we need to adapt for our business to survive we will do that, but being able to plan ahead for change is only fair. The Malaspina needs to keep its schedule through at least Labor Day.

Sincerely,

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