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Deirdre Downey
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Fairbanks, AK 99709

586-6476

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Taylor Bracher
MP 237 George Parks Hwy
Denali Park, AK 99755

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I GREW UP ON THOSE FERRIES! They are integral to the folks in southeast and especially in the little coastal villages and communities all along South East and South West Alaska.

Why don't you cut some of the OIL industry folks instead. You can have the PFDs. I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

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THANK YOU!

Deb Corso
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fairbanks, AK 99775

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Rebecca Goodrich
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Ken Zafren
10181 Curvi St.
Anchorage, AK 99507

Sen. Dennis Egan

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities.

My family relies on Alaska Marine Highway Service for traveling between where we fish in Petersburg and where my job is in Juneau.

Cancelling scheduled runs starting in July will make it tougher to maintain our family business.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Malena Marvin
536 Park St. Apt. D
Juneau, AK 99801

907 957 1007

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Guy Archibald
Mining and Clean Water Coordinator
1036 D Street
Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 500-9973

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Caroline Van Hemert
PO Box 1019
Haines, AK 99827

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Betty and Robert McVey
PO Box 211413
1650 Fritz Cove Road
Auke Bay, AK 99821

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Cheryl Oliver
2400 Douglas Hwy Apt. 8
Juneau, AK 99801

789-1430

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My son and family will be moving to Sitka from the lower 48 in June. Our plan was to use the ferry system to be able to frequently and easily travel back/forth.

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are our highway. Close roads if you must but keep the ferries fully funded. It is too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before raising fares or taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Karen Capp
9348 Lakeview Ct
Juneau, AK 99801

907-789-5936

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Julie Scheurer
526 W. 12th
Juneau, AK 99801

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darsie culbeck
31 Olsund Drive
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Jonathan Wood
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Juneau, AK 99802

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

There are at least 70,000 people living in SE AK... who depend on the Alaska Marine Ferry System.

Helen Unruh
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Juneau , AK 99803

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Jos Bakker
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Mary Pat Schilly
4435 N. Douglas Hwy.
Juneau, AK 99801

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mary willson
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juneau, AK 99801

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Tyler Gress
5050 Thane Rd
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Alan munro
120w9thst
Juneau, AK 99801

586-3694

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Please don't let our ferries be one of the cuts this year. Working and living in SE Alaska, I know how important ferries are to our lives and livelihood, and we can't afford to lose their service.

This will have a negative impact on economics, sports teams, families, and service providers in rural Alaska.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

LORI GRASSGREEN
16520 Glacier Hwy
Juneau , AK 99801

586-5015

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Please don't cut our ferries. They are important to our lives and livelihoods, and losing their services just seems insane. They are important for delivery systems and economies throughout the state.

Please look for ways to make the entire budget more efficient and cost effective before taking away ferry service. We and many communities depend on reliable, affordable Alaska Marine Highway Service. They are an essential part of Alaska's highway system and must be treated as such.

Previous governors have wasted millions of dollars on bogus boats and purposely disrupted the entire ferry system. This should not be counted against the transportation necessity of the ferry. Please do not let them succeed in destroying it!

I will be on the ferry during the Juneau hearing and in Juneau during the Skagway hearing. Please receive these comments in lieu of my presence. Maintain the ferry system!

Nola E. Lamken
PO BOX 624
Skagway, AK 99840

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Bonita Friday
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1680 fritz cove rd
Juneau, AK 99821

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630 Hemlock St
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773-230-0168

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Haines, AK 99827

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Padraig New
Outreach/Media Intern
8844 N Douglas hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

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Sarah Donohoe
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Morgan Michels
Aurora Harbor Slip13
Juneau, AK 99802

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Edward Hays
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Haines, AK 99827

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I have lived in Haines since 1979, working as a special education teacher and commercial fisherman. During that time, I have learned how vital the Alaska Marine Highway is to the residents of Southeast Alaska who depend upon this service. In addition to the tourist revenue communities in Southeast take in via the ferry system, towns rely on the ferries to provide consistent service to larger towns where they can stock up on supplies. In an era of online shopping, it's so important to Alaska's economic stability to have the means to travel to larger cities to stock up on supplies, while spending money on hotels, meals, entertainment, etc. The geographic aspects of our Southeast communities limit travel to air or water. Air travel is often limited by weather, as well as higher flight costs for families. The ferries supply an essential service and economic boost to communities in Southeast Alaska. Please do everything you can to lend support toward continued financial backing for ferry service.

My point is this:

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HAINES, AK 99827

766-2773

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

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Jennifer Laroe
5134 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

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Taylor Murph
3333 Nowell Ave.
Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 617-8268

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Legislators,

As a long-time resident of Southeast Alaska, I beseech you not to cut ferries from the budget. They are too important to the lives and livelihoods of Southeast residents, and we do not want to lose the access to neighboring communities that the ferry service currently provides.

We travel on ferries from Juneau year round. We make the voyage with our families, friends, vehicles, kayaks, bicycles, dogs, and even cats. Please look for ways to make the Alaska Marine Highway System more cost effective, but please do not eliminate this crucial service. The impact will be too great and will significantly change the lives of many Southeast Alaskans. We depend on reliable ferry service and we're counting on you to make sure it's not cut from the budget.

Thank you!

Diana Rossmiller
8844 N Douglas Hwy.
Juneau, AK 99801
907-723-0235

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8844 N. Douglas Hwy.
Juneau, AK 99801

907-723-0235

Sen. Dennis Egan

I've heard that \$12 million for ferries could be cut this week from the state's budget. I'm contacting you to let you know I oppose this cut.

My family and community rely on ferry service and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Beth Bolander
519 Dalton Street
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-2150

Sen. Dennis Egan

Please don't cut our ferries. As a resident of Haines, I rely on the ferries year round and it is an important part of my life and I know that all the residents feel the same. We have to travel to Juneau for doctor's appointments, to get to the airport, to shop.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Michele Cornelius
P.O. Box 297
Haines, AK 99827

9072353975

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Julie Howell
10 Park Lane Drive, #288
P.O. Box 288
Gustavus, AK 99826

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Sen. Dennis Egan

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My community and I rely on ferry service. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Sincerely,
Ryan Conarro

Ryan Conarro
223 Gastineau Ave
Juneau, AK 99801

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

I am riding home to Haines on the Malaspina as I type this. I was down south for some classes and am returning with a car filled with treasures, the only way I could do this in March is on a mainliner ferry. Please keep the ferries funded.

Pretty sure that's Gov. Bill Egan on the commemorative wall from 1962 when the 3 big ships were built.

Please help southeast and south central by saving the ferries.

Kelly Mitchell
box 538
haines, AK 99827

Sen. Dennis Egan

I was born and raised in Southeast Alaska. This means that I grew up taking the ferry; I slept with my mother on the solarium as an infant, I traveled with my sports teams throughout my school years, and now my own child looks forward tremendously to our summer trips up the Lynn Canal to Haines. Ferries are not only a practical way to get around. They have a way of bringing people together; they create a deeper sense of community among all the residents of Southeast.

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Kathryn Rabung
8502 Jennifer Dr. Apt. C
Juneau, AK 99801

Sen. Dennis Egan

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My family and community rely on ferry service and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities. In the small town of Gustavus where I have been a resident since before the inception of the ferry service, I use it for my work/fishing business, recreational and medical/dental needs and to visit elderly family in Juneau when they are in need. In addition, I have many friends who depend on the ferry system as long term employment to support themselves and their families.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

AMHS cannot absorb a cut of this magnitude in a single year without serious long-term effects of the entire system and all those who rely on it--locals and businesses. Please honor the published schedule this summer which is a lifeline for so many communities across the coastal region.

Please restore funding for ferries. Thank you for your consideration to recognize AMHS as an integral part of our everyday lives.

Sincerely,

Melissa Senac, Gustavus, AK, 99826

Melissa Senac
PO Box 155
Gustavus, AK 99826

907-697-2427

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Sharron Lobaugh
3340 Fritz Cove Road
Juneau, AK 99801

789-5028

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Please restore funding for ferries.

nathan Heck
411 W. 12th St.
Juneau, AK 99801

321-9902

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

diana Kelm
682 Beach Road South
Haines, AK 99827

766-3917

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Shirley Campbell
PO Box 21544
Juneau, AK 99802

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Ans Schot
22917 lakeside lane
Mount Vernon, AK 99826

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Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. With summer fast approaching, it's imperative to keep scheduled service for Alaska's peak travel season. Otherwise our communities will suffer terribly economically.

Our communities rely on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, tourism, businesses, for visiting family and friends, and for our own transportation needs. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July will be terrible for local community economies.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a better plan for a more efficient AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

I also remind you that if the oil tax cuts are restored, this could do a great deal to reduce the budget gap.

Katya Kirsch
PO Box 521
Haines, AK 99827

907.766.3448

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Deborah Woodruff
PO Box 77
Gustavus , AK 99826

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Sen. Dennis Egan

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Brianne Mecum
4024 Ridge Way
Juneau, AK 99801

(360) 348-2870

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clay frick
Board Member
po box 1222
po.box 1222
haines, AK 99802

(907) 523-7797

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to proposed cuts to the ferry service.

As a Juneau resident, my family and I plan on using the ferry services in southeast Alaska this summer.

The ferry system provides an economical option for business and recreational travelers. Please maintain the funding for ferry services in coastal Alaskan communities.

Thank you.

Fletcher Sewall
16520 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

907-586-5015

Sen. Dennis Egan

I've heard that \$12 million for ferries could be cut this week from the state's budget. I'm contacting you to let you know I oppose this cut.

The ferry system is a vital part of coastal Alaska life. The communities here need it.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Tamar Harrison
530 8th Ave
Skagway, AK 99840

Sen. Dennis Egan

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Delbert Carnes
4010 All Seasons Dr
Auke Bay, AK 99821

907-321-0867

Sen. Dennis Egan

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

We already struggle trying to make and keep doctor/vet and dentist appointments because the ferries are not convenient. It is very expensive for us to travel back and forth from Haines to Juneau, and as the ferries are now, we must stay overnight one or sometimes more.

The ferry is our road! We don't want a road that will cost millions. We just need continued ferry service that meets the needs of the people who live here.

Thank you for understanding that those of us living outside of Juneau and/or Anchorage depend on those ferries, not just for our pleasure, but for our health and well-being as well.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Shannon McPhetres
5 E. Barnett
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-3929

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Linda Bleggen
PO Box 210996
Auke Bay, AK 99821

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities.

Please support continued funding of our ferry system. Without it, Alaska, especially Southeast, will suffer.

This is a FALSE cost-saving measure. The economy will not likely be getting better, and if you make it harder for people to live, travel, work, and play here, even less money will flow!

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Gene Cornelius
PO BOX 297
1/2 Mile Inlet Drive
Haines, AK 99827

(907) 235-3975

Sen. Dennis Egan

I understand that Alaska is in trouble with it's funding from oil. But I also think there is room for compromise. I would be willing to pay more for my fare as I travel back and forth to Skagway during the summer. We are coming up on the busiest season for the ferries. Cutting ships that run full makes no sense.

I strongly urge you to take a second look at this, and to problem solve. We have to cut back, there is no question, but let us do it wisely. The ferry is the life blood for the small communities that are land locked. Cutting off the ferry for the communities would be similar to shutting down the Anchorage Airport for 4 days a week. Think about it.

Susan Kuelbs
P. O. Box 240145
Douglas, AK 99824

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Marsha Columbo
.05 mile Dyea Rd
POBox 1022
Skagway , AK 99840

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Helena Fagan
PO Box 20756
Juneau, AK 99802

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Slash funding for education, Public radio,(Communication!) and transportation, back to the 3rd. world!

If you go ahead with the Juneau Road it would be a criminal act!

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John Svenson
6 mile Mud Bay Road
haines, AK 99827

(907) 766-2097

Sen. Dennis Egan

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KEN Russo
Box 125
1.3mile Dyea Road
Skagway, AK 99840

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Thom Ely
POB 1014
24 Portage St
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-2869

Sen. Dennis Egan

In an effort to pay our state bills, I understand that the ferry system is going to take a cut. It is also my understanding that the financial reduction will change the 2015 schedule. That will effect all Alaskans who use the system frequently plus tourists who have made plans/purchased tickets for 2015 season.

Tourism is a \$\$\$\$\$\$ maker. Granted that only a portion of the tourists come via the ferry on foot or with vehicle. That is still tourism money lost to a variety of businesses, a bad taste in tourism's mouth, a dark mark against Alaska's friendly come-hither reputation.

Please think again about the amount to cut from funding the ferry. How much are you cutting on airports?

Patricia Wherry

Patricia Wherry
5875 Glacier Hwy #37
Juneau, AK 99801

907-209-3374

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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Dee Longenbaugh
299 N. Franklin
Juneau, AK 99801

586-9676

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Martin & Christine Niemi
616 Alta Court
Douglas, AK 99824

789-2064

Sen. Dennis Egan

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. Reductions in service during Alaska's peak travel season will hurt those communities that rely on the AMHS.

We rely on the AMHS to travel between Southeast communities for visiting friends and family, and family, friends and residents in those communities rely on the AMHS to come to Juneau to shop and to visit. The ski team that I coach travelled on the AMHS to the Buckwheat ski race in Skagway this weekend, an event that helps Skagway open their hotels and restaurants and prepare for the upcoming visitor season. Many of us use the AMHS to get wood and forest products from the sawmill in Hoohah.

The AMHS is essential for us here in Southeast for moving people and goods to and around the region. While I recognize there are budget cuts in many departments, I urge the legislature to proceed with caution when trimming the AMHS budget in order to reduce the negative impact on our local and state economy.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service.

Odin Brudie
512 6th St.
Juneau, AK 99801
odin@gci.net

Odin Brudie
512 6th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

586-1453

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

How many millions has the state saved by cutting the Juneau Access Road funding? Please spend a small fraction of this to keep our ferries running and regular! The ferry is the life blood of the entire southern Alaskan coast! That is a huge chunk of the state. It is also the only reliable mode of transportation when you live in the ever changing coastal climate. My husband has suffered two severe traumatic brain injuries in the last 4 years and the ferry was the only way he could get to a hospital in Juneau to get medical care he desperately needed! PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR ONLY LIFELINE!

Annemarie Hasskamp
475 11th Ave
Skagway, AK 99840

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Bill Finlay
1 Paradise Cove Road
PO Box 1268
Haines, AK 99827

Sen. Dennis Egan

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

I have lived here 33 years in SE and I use the ferries for work and pleasure all year round.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Brenda Wright
17430 Andreanoff Way
Juneau, AK 99801

789-4656

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

John Nagel
3253 Nowell Ave
Juneau, AK 99801

Sen. Dennis Egan

I have been a resident of Southeast Alaska for more than 25 years. One of the most important reasons why I moved here - and have continued to live here - is our unique life style. The ferries are an integral part of our lives. Please do not take away this service.

Sincerely
Karen Bryant

KAREN BRYANT
PO BOX 986
HAINES, AK 99827

907-766-2986

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Bobby Lee Daniels
PO Box 20511
Juneau, AK 99802

(907) 789-0073

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Sen. Dennis Egan

I know you are a great supporter of the marine Highway System and that you have been fighting these budget cuts.

I am sure you know but please emphasize that curtailing service between Juneau, Haines and Skagway would negate the savings from cuts as studies by McDowell Group show that 40% of revenue to AMHS goes through the upper Lynn Canal.

Gary Hanson
PO Box 197
Skagway, AK 99840

907-983-2826

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Ricky Deising
4500 glacier hey
Juneau, AK 99801

908-723-8406

Sen. Dennis Egan

We are a two-community family and we depend on our ferry system to carry us safely between Juneau and Tenakee. Float planes, our only other means of transportation, are extremely expensive and very weather dependent. And float plane travel in our ever-changing weather can be downright terrifying.

Many folks who live in the villages accessed by ferries have a subsistence lifestyle and will be absolutely trapped without ferry service. In Tenakee we have elders and families who depend on the ferry for medical trips, food shopping trips, and contact with family in other communities. Twelve years ago, regular ferry service was key to our decision to buy a home in Tenakee.

Please don't weaken the lifeline that connects our coastal communities. I hope you can work with Southeast communities to keep our Alaska Marine Highway Service intact.

Please, please reinstate funding for our ferry system into the budget!

Sincerely,

Karen Wilson

Karen Wilson
175 S. Franklin, Suite 300
Juneau, AK 99801

907-463-3520

Sen. Dennis Egan

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

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Sincerely,
Tim McDonough
Ann Myren
Haines Alaska

Ann Myren
P.O. Box 951
Haines, AK 99827

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Elias Daugherty
418 7th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

907-586-1283

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Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Elias Daugherty
418 7th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

907-586-1283

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Scott Doddridge
PO Box 832
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-3799

Sen. Dennis Egan

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

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Stephen Merli
5045 N Douglas Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

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Kris Miller
281 cathedral view
Haines, AK 99827

(907) 766-2199

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lisa daugherty
9223 n douglas hwy
juneau, AK 99801

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Dennis,

In response to proposed cuts to the ferry system, I need to speak out with my opposition to these cuts. Please fight to retain funding for the ferry system.

Here in the upper Lynn Canal, we rely on ferry service and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries.

James Alborough
PO Box 123
Haines, AK 99827

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Sen. Dennis Egan

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Please keep our ferry system alive! It is the **ONLY RELIABLE SOURCE OF TRANSPORTATION** when you live in coastal Alaska. I have suffered two traumatic brain injuries in the last four years and the ferry was the only way I could get to the hospital both times! We need the ferry, our lives depend on it!!!

Josh Hunter
475 11th Ave
Skagway, AK 99840

Sen. Dennis Egan

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Jeanette St George
4170 Glacier Hwy
Juneau , AK 99801

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Bernard Wostmann
PO Box 211403
Auke Bay, AK 99821

907-321-2147

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My family and community rely on ferry service and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities. We should be investing more in mass public transportation methods such as the ferry system, not less.

The ferry system is crucial for the transportation needs of SE Alaskans, as well as for tourism. Additionally, it is the only reliable method of transportation in an area where weather can often hinder flying.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Kim Burnham
1201 Main st.
Skagway , AK 99840

907-983-2497

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Edith Barnes
9232 Emily Way
Juneau, AK 99801

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Julie Anderson
864 Beach Rd
Haines , AK 99827

Sen. Dennis Egan

Would we close a highway into Anchorage? Fairbanks? Homer? The Marine Highway System was designed to be Southeast's highway. I remember the thrill when it was inaugurated. I remember the freedom when my family was able to travel somewhere--to go camping. Actually, it was the old Chilkat ferry that provided the first trip our family of five made together when I was a youngster.

The whole time our daughters were growing up, we only made one family trip by plane-but we several times were able to afford boarding the ferry to haines, skagway, and sitka. we didn't have money for airline travel and I, a non-driver, valued being able to get a ride to the ferry terminal and then travel alone with my daughters to visit other communities. It is still the most frequent way my husband and i travel. we love it.

My family and community have relied on ferry service ever since it was available, and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries. Thank you.

Susi Gregg Fowler
603 West 12th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Sen. Dennis Egan

I live in Juneau and, as I'm sure you are aware, the only way to travel to and from my home is to fly or take a ferry. I'm a full time college student at UAS, so to say I'm on a limited budget is really an exquisite way of saying my piggy bank is pretty empty. Flights in and out can get mighty pricey and the ferry has always been a wonderful more affordable option to visit family in other places of Alaska. It would be a detriment to the lives of folks like me and countless other Alaskans that rely on the ferry as their primary mode of transportation if ferry services were cut.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Mariel Terry
1600 Harbor Way
Juneau, AK 99801

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Sen. Dennis Egan

Imagine if the state decided to close the road from Wasilla to Anchorage due to budget cuts? There would be an uproar. The ferry is our highway and I use it to commute to work in Juneau from Haines twice a month.

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Jennifer Talley
Po box 1086
Haines, AK 99827

223-2784

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Kimberly vanNostrand
po box 625
haines, AK 99827

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Sen. Dennis Egan

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neil einsbruch
po box 792
6 mile mud bay rd
haines, AK 99827

907 766 2224

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Wendy Anderson
PO box 43
535 13th Ave
Skagway, AK 99840

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James Foster
2621 John St.
Douglas, Ak 99824

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more thoughtful approach to balancing the state's budget than mere cuts.

No one will book ferries that cannot be relied on, if schedules are iffy, and boats scheduled cannot meet demand and/or weather conditions.

AMH is one of Alaska's most attractive assets. We need to keep that which is good.

Kathleen Menke
PO Box 781
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-3517

Sen. Dennis Egan

Thanks for your efforts to keep the ferry system on life support. I guess if the ferrys were made from asphalt we could get them funded.

Ferries and education are two of my biggest concerns, cutting pre-k, and K-12 is a false savings. I am also sad to see the Farms/fish to schools program go. I went to the Conference they had and it was inspiring.

Robert Sylvester
PO Box 22487
Residence 128 Dixon St NMD
Juneau, AK 99802

907 500-7950

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Jeanne Kitayama
PO Box 911
Haines, AK 99827

766-3823

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Lena Sorenson
P.O. Box 584
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841

9077369252

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Patricia Blank
Box 112
Haines, AK 99827

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David Albert
24625 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 790-1820

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Dee Longenbaugh
299 N. Franklin
Juneau, AK 99801

586-9676

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jerry rounsley
PO Box 33842
Juneau, AK 99803

789-3590

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Martin & Christine Niemi
616 Alta Court
Douglas, AK 99824

789-2064

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Julie Howell
10 Park Lane Drive, #288
P.O. Box 288
Gustavus, AK 99826

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Hayden Kaden
P.O. Box 138
Gustavus, AK 99826

907-723-8994

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I've lived in SE Alaska for 47 years, first living in Hoonah, 50 miles west of Juneau as the crow flies. The first two years, there was no ferry. I remember my friend with twin babies very worried about getting them to Juneau to see a Doctor, when planes couldn't fly. Other than subsistence food, no food was fresh. The school couldn't afford to send youth to another village to broaden their experience and compete in sports. As a young teacher I couldn't afford to fly out, so experienced first hand the sense of isolation. The year the ferry came to Hoonah everything changed through that connection. Small communities now rely on the ferry to regularly travel to meet many needs, including a connection to nearby communities. It's the only affordable travel for many Alaskans, and it is not a luxury. They depend on being able to purchase needed goods in larger communities at affordable prices. They need it to obtain medical care, expand experience for the young, have cultural exchange and much more in order to sustain rural families including supporting an economically powerful fishing industry.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Patricia O'Brien
PO Box 35451
Juneau, AK 99803

789-9405

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Salome Starbuck
4386 Julep St.
Juneau, AK 99801

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Sen. Dennis Egan

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Helen Unruh
PO box 34264
Juneau , AK 99803

(907) 523-7965

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Kris Miller
281 cathedral view
Haines, AK 99827

(907) 766-2199

Sen. Dennis Egan

Ferries are our main way to get in and out of Haines. When we fly to the lower 48, we take the ferry to Juneau and fly out of Juneau. Our kids take the ferries to attend athletic competitions. We use ferries where other people use highways.

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Thank you.

Edward Hays
P.O. Box 98
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-3798

Sen. Dennis Egan

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John Sisk
4435 North Douglas Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 586-5727

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Myself and my tourism business depend on a reliable transportation system in Southeast Alaska, that system is the Alaska Marine Highway. Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service this season. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will drastically impact my business and our community.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy. It is our only and preferred way to get around our region.

Thom Ely
POB 1014
24 Portage St
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-2869

Sen. Dennis Egan

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neil einsbruch
po box 792
6 mile mud bay rd
haines, AK 99827

907 766 2224

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I work in the tourism industry. Ferries bring visitors that stay awhile and provide an alternative to "big cruise ship culture". They also bring Alaskans from neighboring communities to Juneau to shop and visit. Ferries themselves are part of what make our state special; a public transportation system that takes one to communities that can only be reached by boat or plane - how great is that!

Please restore funding for ferries.

Linda Nicklin
12175 Glacier Hwy #E401
Juneau, AK 99801

364-2767

Sen. Dennis Egan

It's astounding how out of touch our government is with reality! Heavily booked for the summer season, and a large part of our economic survival, the ferries must keep to a reasonable schedule.

Pull the funding that's in stasis now on the insane Juneau Road, and put it into a single ferry servicing Juneau, Skagway & Haines. How simple is that!

Don't strangle us.

Slashing Education, transportation & Communication. Reverting to the dark ages. And the 1% for the arts? The "people" just don't matter anymore.

Please act responsibly!

Thanks You!

Thank

John Svenson
6 mile Mud Bay Road
haines, AK 99827

(907) 766-2097

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Crystal Rain
P.O. Box 903
Skagway, AK 99840

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Sen. Dennis Egan

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Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Thank you,
Melanie Brown
Juneau, AK 99801

Melanie Brown
PO Box 22113
Juneau, AK 99802

Sen. Dennis Egan

In Gustavus we've just gotten started building a lifestyle with a ferry in town. We can now take our autos to Juneau for service on the ferry rather than spending a \$1,000 return trip barge trip. The ferry really connects Gustavus to other communities and especially Juneau. I came to Alaska on the Taku in 1975 and it was a wonderful and singular introduction to The Great Land.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Thanks for your help.
Dan Zobrist

Daniel Zobrist
PO Box 176
Gustavus, AK 99826

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Danielle Lillard
9396 N. Douglas Hwy
Juneau, AK 99824

907-723-9232

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities. The ferries are an essential service.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps. Tourism is even more important this year now that oil prices are so low.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy. I also urge the legislature to investigate new sources of revenue as a way to avoid cutting crucial services.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Jeanette McBride
2400 Douglas Hwy #3
Juneau, AK 99801

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diana Kelm
682 Beach Road South
Haines, AK 99827

766-3917

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Carol Hedlin
4015 Ridge Way
Juneau, AK 99801

790-2985

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Conrad Muller
326 4th St 509
Juneau, AK 99801

(206) 388-6053

Sen. Dennis Egan

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

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Joe McCabe
3540 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

780-3658

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The Haines community relies on ferry service year around. When wx is poor in the wintertime, ferries always seem to pull through. It is our line to buying goods from Juneau and connecting with jet service. The road is not an option, esp. in the winter. Please realize how vital the ferry service is to folks here in SEAK. Please keep the same amount of ferry service you have offered over the years, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

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Dana Van Burgh
PO Box 122
Haines, AK 99827

314-0626

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Doug Sanvik
P.O. Box 21774
Juneau, AK 99802

586-1421

Sen. Dennis Egan

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Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps.

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Sally Boisvert
PO Box 578
Haines, AK 99827

(907) 767-5515

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

We already have people planning their visits to Skagway based on the schedule the state published. Cutting the ferry service will have dramatic financial repercussions throughout Alaska and the Yukon.

Wendy Anderson
PO box 43
535 13th Ave
Skagway, AK 99840

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Please restore funding for ferries. Please.

jean hoegler
2400 Douglas Hwy., Unit 3
Juneau, AK 99801

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Bonnie Kaden
78 Same Old Road
Box 138
Gustavus, AK 99826

907 723-8994

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I've read where 40% of the tavelers coming to Anchorage and Fairbanks ride the ferries. Cutting back on this important mass-transit system is not in the best economic interest of the entire state. During lean budget times, if important transportation infrastructure is cut the business economy of SE Alaska will plummet. It would have an effect similar to closing the Highway to Tok, gateway to interior Alaska. Can you get the DOT to move funds set aside for the Juneau Road boondoggle into the ferry system?

Please restore funding for ferries. I would appreciate hearing back from you.

Kind regards,

Dan Egoal,
35 year resident and Business owner in Haines, AK

Dan Egoal
234 Oslund Dr
Haines, AK 99827

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My father is coming to visit me in skagway this summer, for the 1st time in 13 years. I made sure he is flying in & ferrying out because I feel they are both beautiful experiences. I have taken the ferry almost every time I come in & out of skagway. It is cheaper, & when you're leaving town with a lot of luggage, it's a lot easier! Also, many people rely on the ferry system to get their vehicles up here & back every season.

It's like taking the train somewhere as opposed to flying. You can get up, move around, talk to people & make friends, & it's scenic! It is an experience in & of itself.

Again, please do not cut funding to our ferry system.

Jessie baker
850 main st
p.o. box 988
skagway , AK 99840

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Megan Ellis
Box 965
Skagway, AK 99840

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Sen. Dennis Egan

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Gabriel Wechter
17975 Point Stephens Rd
Juneau, AK 99801

Sen. Dennis Egan

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Is Alaska really on the verge of canceling hundreds of paid ferry tickets of potential tourists ready to spend thousands of dollars in Alaska, restrict local travel of people conducting all kinds of commerce and visits to family in distant regions of the state, restrict military families from moving to and from Alaska's many bases? These are only some of the many vital uses of The Alaska Marine Highway, not to mention the hard working bread winners of hundreds of Alaskan families who will lose their jobs and have to collect unemployment and other government assistance.. All in all these cuts in the ferry budget will cause multifold and drastic losses in Alaska's economy easily dwarfing any saving's from budget cuts.

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James Foster
2621 John St.
Douglas, Ak 99824

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Julie Bednarski
8204 Birch Lane
Juneau, AK 99801

9079570720

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teagan kane
po box 1338
Skagway, AK 99840

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Lisa Etherington
PO Box 241
Gustavus, AK 99826

(415) 669-7494

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Ans Schot
22917 lakeside lane
Mount Vernon, AK 99826

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Nina D'Andrade
9371 Rivercourt Way
Juneau, AK 99801

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Melissa Morgan
2730 Fritz Cove Rd.
Juneau, AK 99801

907-723-7470

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Brian Davies
4004 Ridge Way
Juneau, AK 99801

Sen. Cathy Giessel

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Kristian Erickson
15261 Snow Flake Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516

907 348 0049

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Also, a summer reduction in service will greatly impact travelers who planned to use the ferry to visit Southeast Alaska. Many of them may lose their reservations, which might cause them to cancel their vacations. The travelers are the ones who spend real money in the communities, much more than the tourists on the cruise ships and fishing lodges guests.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Charles Bingham
408 Lake St., Apt. No. 1
Sitka, AK 99835

907-738-8875

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Joanne Edenshaw
p.o box 140945
7733 east 4th ave.
Anchorage, AK 99504

907-310-0717

Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

The ferries allow people to work in Juneau and vacation in rural communities. For us who live in rural communities it provides us with affordable ways to obtain food and merchandise to maintain our homes and rural lifestyles. The ferries are part of our lives and allow us to live in our communities. PLEASE do not take away the ferry service. Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Lena Sorenson
P.O. Box 584
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Carrie Sykes
P.O. Box 371
Kasaan, AK 99950

(907) 209-0792

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The ferry service is critical for those of us that have to travel to receive medical care. The only flight options for those of us in Kake make it difficult to travel with my service dog who is essential my safety

Marcia Adams
PO Box 221
Kake, AK 99830

970-370-1795

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I grew up in Tenakee and now live in Sitka and rely on the ferry to get me between the two.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Thank you!
Darcie Ziel

Darcie Ziel
613 Merrill St
Sitka, AK 99835

907272-0044

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Lynn Wilbur
617 Katlian Street
Sitka, AK 99835

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Angel Wilson
p.o. box 162
kake, AK 99830

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Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service. Our family uses the ferry to travel to the Sitka Fine Arts Camp and to visit family as we live on Prince of Wales Island and Juneau. Ferries allow us to take our car/RV with us to have transport when we reach our destination. The school children travel by ferry for field trips and sporting events. The state ferries really are our roads!

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Sharon Van Valin
PO Box 1164
P.O. Box 1164
Craig, AK 99921

846-5464

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peter mooney
1006 broadway
port alexander, AK 99836

568-2266

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Arthur Cook
6D Harris River Road West, Hollis
PO Box 230
Klawock, AK 99925

401-0853

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Karin Mccullough
20 Birch Street
PO 707
Petersburg, AK 99833

772-9238

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John Wisenbaugh
Box 512
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841

736-2243

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Mary Harrop
POB 985
Petersburg, AK 99833

518-0271

Rep. Sam Kito

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more thoughtful approach to balancing the state's budget than mere cuts.

No one will book ferries that cannot be relied on, if schedules are iffy, and boats scheduled cannot meet demand and/or weather conditions.

AMH is one of Alaska's most attractive assets. We need to keep that which is good.

Kathleen Menke
PO Box 781
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-3517

Rep. Sam Kito

Thanks for your efforts to keep the ferry system on life support. I guess if the ferrys were made from asphalt we could get them funded.

Ferries and education are two of my biggest concerns, cutting pre-k, and K-12 is a false savings. I am also sad to see the Farms/fish to schools program go. I went to the Conference they had and it was inspiring.

Robert Sylvester
PO Box 22487
Residence 128 Dixon St NMD
Juneau, AK 99802

907 500-7950

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Jeanne Kitayama
PO Box 911
Haines, AK 99827

766-3823

Rep. Sam Kito

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Patricia Blank
Box 112
Haines, AK 99827

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Dee Longenbaugh
299 N. Franklin
Juneau, AK 99801

586-9676

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Please restore funding for ferries.

jerry rounsley
PO Box 33842
Juneau, AK 99803

789-3590

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Martin & Christine Niemi
616 Alta Court
Douglas, AK 99824

789-2064

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Julie Howell
10 Park Lane Drive, #288
P.O. Box 288
Gustavus, AK 99826

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Hayden Kaden
P.O. Box 138
Gustavus, AK 99826

907-723-8994

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I've lived in SE Alaska for 47 years, first living in Hoonah, 50 miles west of Juneau as the crow flies. The first two years, there was no ferry. I remember my friend with twin babies very worried about getting them to Juneau to see a Doctor, when planes couldn't fly. Other than subsistence food, no food was fresh. The school couldn't afford to send youth to another village to broaden their experience and compete in sports. As a young teacher I couldn't afford to fly out, so experienced first hand the sense of isolation. The year the ferry came to Hoonah everything changed through that connection. Small communities now rely on the ferry to regularly travel to meet many needs, including a connection to nearby communities. It's the only affordable travel for many Alaskans, and it is not a luxury. They depend on being able to purchase needed goods in larger communities at affordable prices. They need it to obtain medical care, expand experience for the young, have cultural exchange and much more in order to sustain rural families including supporting an economically powerful fishing industry.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Patricia O'Brien
PO Box 35451
Juneau, AK 99803

789-9405

Rep. Sam Kito

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Helen Unruh
PO box 34264
Juneau , AK 99803

(907) 523-7965

Rep. Sam Kito

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Kris Miller
281 cathedral view
Haines, AK 99827

(907) 766-2199

Rep. Sam Kito

Ferries are our main way to get in and out of Haines. When we fly to the lower 48, we take the ferry to Juneau and fly out of Juneau. Our kids take the ferries to attend athletic competitions. We use ferries where other people use highways.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Thank you.

Edward Hays
P.O. Box 98
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-3798

Rep. Sam Kito

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

John Sisk
4435 North Douglas Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 586-5727

Rep. Sam Kito

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Myself and my tourism business depend on a reliable transportation system in Southeast Alaska, that system is the Alaska Marine Highway. Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service this season. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will drastically impact my business and our community.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy. It is our only and preferred way to get around our region.

Thom Ely
POB 1014
24 Portage St
Haines, AK 99827

907-766-2869

Rep. Sam Kito

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

neil einsbruch
po box 792
6 mile mud bay rd
haines, AK 99827

907 766 2224

Rep. Sam Kito

It's astounding how out of touch our government is with reality! Heavily booked for the summer season, and a large part of our economic survival, the ferries must keep to a reasonable schedule.

Pull the funding that's in stasis now on the insane Juneau Road, and put it into a single ferry servicing Juneau, Skagway & Haines. How simple is that!

Don't strangle us.

Slashing Education, transportation & Communication. Reverting to the dark ages. And the 1% for the arts? The "people" just don't matter anymore.

Please act responsibly!

Thanks You!

Thank

John Svenson
6 mile Mud Bay Road
haines, AK 99827

(907) 766-2097

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Crystal Rain
P.O. Box 903
Skagway, AK 99840

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Rep. Sam Kito

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Thank you,
Melanie Brown
Juneau, AK 99801

Melanie Brown
PO Box 22113
Juneau, AK 99802

Rep. Sam Kito

In Gustavus we've just gotten started building a lifestyle with a ferry in town. We can now take our autos to Juneau for service on the ferry rather than spending a \$1,000 return trip barge trip. The ferry really connects Gustavus to other communities and especially Juneau. I came to Alaska on the Taku in 1975 and it was a wonderful and singular introduction to The Great Land.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Thanks for your help.
Dan Zobrist

Daniel Zobrist
PO Box 176
Gustavus, AK 99826

Rep. Sam Kito

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Danielle Lillard
9396 N. Douglas Hwy
Juneau, AK 99824

907-723-9232

Rep. Sam Kito

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities. The ferries are an essential service.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps. Tourism is even more important this year now that oil prices are so low.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy. I also urge the legislature to investigate new sources of revenue as a way to avoid cutting crucial services.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Jeanette McBride
2400 Douglas Hwy #3
Juneau, AK 99801

Rep. Sam Kito

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My family and community rely on ferry service and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries.

diana Kelm
682 Beach Road South
Haines, AK 99827

766-3917

Rep. Sam Kito

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Carol Hedlin
4015 Ridge Way
Juneau, AK 99801

790-2985

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Conrad Muller
326 4th St 509
Juneau, AK 99801

(206) 388-6053

Rep. Sam Kito

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Joe McCabe
3540 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

780-3658

Rep. Sam Kito

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The Haines community relies on ferry service year around. When wx is poor in the wintertime, ferries always seem to pull through. It is our line to buying goods from Juneau and connecting with jet service. The road is not an option, esp. in the winter. Please realize how vital the ferry service is to folks here in SEAK. Please keep the same amount of ferry service you have offered over the years, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Dana Van Burgh
PO Box 122
Haines, AK 99827

314-0626

Rep. Sam Kito

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Doug Sanvik
P.O. Box 21774
Juneau, AK 99802

586-1421

Rep. Sam Kito

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Sally Boisvert
PO Box 578
Haines, AK 99827

(907) 767-5515

Rep. Sam Kito

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

We already have people planning their visits to Skagway based on the schedule the state published. Cutting the ferry service will have dramatic financial repercussions throughout Alaska and the Yukon.

Wendy Anderson
PO box 43
535 13th Ave
Skagway, AK 99840

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Rep. Sam Kito

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Please restore funding for ferries. Please.

jean hoegler
2400 Douglas Hwy., Unit 3
Juneau, AK 99801

Rep. Sam Kito

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Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Bonnie Kaden
78 Same Old Road
Box 138
Gustavus, AK 99826

907 723-8994

Rep. Sam Kito

I've heard that \$12 million for ferries could be cut this week from the state's budget. I'm contacting you to let you know I oppose this cut.

Our community, our family and business rely on ferry service and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

I've read where 40% of the tavelers coming to Anchorage and Fairbanks ride the ferries. Cutting back on this important mass-transit system is not in the best economic interest of the entire state. During lean budget times, if important transportation infrastructure is cut the business economy of SE Alaska will plummet. It would have an effect similar to closing the Highway to Tok, gateway to interior Alaska. Can you get the DOT to move funds set aside for the Juneau Road boondoggle into the ferry system?

Please restore funding for ferries. I would appreciate hearing back from you.

Kind regards,

Dan Egoal,
35 year resident and Business owner in Haines, AK

Dan Egoal
234 Oslund Dr
Haines, AK 99827

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Rep. Sam Kito

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

My father is coming to visit me in skagway this summer, for the 1st time in 13 years. I made sure he is flying in & ferrying out because I feel they are both beautiful experiences. I have taken the ferry almost every time I come in & out of skagway. It is cheaper, & when you're leaving town with a lot of luggage, it's a lot easier! Also, many people rely on the ferry system to get their vehicles up here & back every season.

It's like taking the train somewhere as opposed to flying. You can get up, move around, talk to people & make friends, & it's scenic! It is an experience in & of itself.

Again, please do not cut funding to our ferry system.

Jessie baker
850 main st
p.o. box 988
skagway , AK 99840

Rep. Sam Kito

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Megan Ellis
Box 965
Skagway, AK 99840

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Rep. Sam Kito

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Is Alaska really on the verge of canceling hundreds of paid ferry tickets of potential tourists ready to spend thousands of dollars in Alaska, restrict local travel of people conducting all kinds of commerce and visits to family in distant regions of the state, restrict military families from moving to and from Alaska's many bases? These are only some of the many vital uses of The Alaska Marine Highway, not to mention the hard working bread winners of hundreds of Alaskan families who will lose their jobs and have to collect unemployment and other government assistance.. All in all these cuts in the ferry budget will cause multifold and drastic losses in Alaska's economy easily dwarfing any saving's from budget cuts.

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James Foster
2621 John St.
Douglas, Ak 99824

Rep. Sam Kito

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teagan kane
po box 1338
Skagway, AK 99840

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Lisa Etherington
PO Box 241
Gustavus, AK 99826

(415) 669-7494

Rep. Sam Kito

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Ans Schot
22917 lakeside lane
Mount Vernon, AK 99826

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Brian Davies
4004 Ridge Way
Juneau, AK 99801

Rep. Dave Talerico

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Taylor Bracher
MP 237 George Parks Hwy
Denali Park, AK 99755

Rep. Louise Stutes

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Sue Christiansen
PO Box 206
Seldovia, AK 99663

Rep. Dan Ortiz

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Katrina Jones
980 Stedman St.
Ketchikan , AK 99901

Rep. Dan Ortiz

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Jill Bohr Jacob
PO Box 1721
Ward Cove, AK 99928

907 247 7172

Rep. Dan Ortiz

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the
Senate and House,

I can't imagine that you would cut the funding for the other roads in Alaska. The Alaska Marine Highway is very similar to the road system. It is just on the water instead of the land. I take several trips per year and spend money in the communities I visit.

Tourism dollars and Alaska jobs will be lost if you do not fully fund the Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Very Sincerely,
Kenda M. Plate

Kenda Plate
6th and Bayview
Hydaburg, AK 99922

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Rep. Dan Ortiz

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Wilma Leslie
326 First Avenue
Wrangell, AK 99929

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Frank Ora
95 Clover View Ct
Ketchikan, AK.99901, AK 99922

907-821-4060

Rep. Dan Ortiz

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget! We use the ferry 4X a year or more to make student travel (athletic events) and other obligations. We need our Marine Highway just as you need your Land Highway, much of the revenue produced is dependent on the Marine Highway as it brings tourists and creates jobs.99901

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Please restore funding for ferries.

beau poppen
6795 springwood
ketchikan, AK 99901

(907) 821-0055

Rep. Dan Ortiz

To Whom it May Concern,

My family is very concerned about the budget cuts being proposed for AMHS. My grandmother, Jeanne Lindley, is a retired AMHS Employee who is strongly against these proposed changes.

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities. Without the ferry system, inter-Alaskan travel will be monopolized by the already over-priced Alaska Airlines. Travel will be less convenient and cease to exist as an option for many Alaskans.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget! We need our ferries!!

Britany Lindley
209 Grief Street
Wrangell, AK 99929

Rep. Dan Ortiz

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jeanne Lindley and I am a retired Alaska Marine Highway System employee. AMHS has always been an Alaskan friendly service. AMHS has been the most utilized resource for inter-Alaskan travel since voters approved \$18 million bond package to AMHS for improvements in 1959.

AMHS has competitive pricing and comfortable accommodations that are preferred by our School districts, our elderly, our families and our visitors. School districts rely on AMHS for academic, athletic and extracurricular travel. The elderly depend on AMHS for medical travel and visiting family. Alaskan families utilize AMHS for the adventurous lure it gives our children, medical travel and family reunions. Visitors utilize AMHS to travel through rural-Alaska, bringing the tourism industry and it's financial benefits to communities that otherwise wouldn't have any tourist activity.

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Jeanne Lindley
209 Greif Street
Wrangell, AK 99929

1(907)254-3409

Rep. Dan Ortiz

To Whom It May Concern,

At Alaska Waters Inc., we think that the ferry system should be upgraded, old ferries replaced, and a permanent fund established to fund the ferry system into the future. We believe that small communities should be served equally as well as large communities. Small communities cannot grow if Ketchikan and Juneau get all the ferries. There needs to be at least 5 days a week service to all communities. Wrangell's emerging travel industry is shackled and kept from reaching its potential because of the inconsistent ferry service. We lose a lot of business because it's so difficult to get into and out of Wrangell. A link with Petersburg would help. A floating dock system at Banana Point with scheduled bus service would go a long way to making this work better. PSG gets daily ferry service to JNU with the fast ferry, Fairweather. I have lobbied for these things for twenty years. Approached Senator Bert Stedman regarding these opinions. He is a fan. Approached RAC and wrote a proposal twice with no success. Most of the RAC money goes to PSG projects. I met with Peggy Wilson and had lengthy discussions. She was not effective enough to get this done. Our new representative from KTN, Dan Ortiz, has his heart in the right place, but he's a freshman representative so it will take a while for him to get traction in Juneau.

Bottom line is that there aren't enough votes in SE Alaska to carry the water for good, sustainable ferry service. We have not had effective legislators other than Bert to make the case and tip the scales toward our fair share of transportation access. It always comes down to cost per resident which is BS. Ferry service is our highway system and the state won't put the money into SE Alaska to make this viable. In the future we'll get less, not more service. The money to build new ferries is being put on hold. Our fleet is worn out. The prognosis is not good. If this shuttle service, Rainforest something or other, that is supposed to be coming on-line succeeds it will help. I'm not holding my breath on that. I'm quite discouraged after so many years of trying to gain equity for SE Alaska. Now, with the budget shortfall of \$3.5 billion, there is not much hope for an expanded or improved system. They are cutting schedules. Wrangell will not do well in the shakeup. Hopefully the state will not hurt Wrangell's summer schedule too much but I wouldn't hold my breath on that either.

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Jim Leslie

107 Stikine Avenue
Wrangell, AK 99929

(907) 874-2378

Rep. Dan Ortiz

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And the economic in pack off of tourism for our cummunitiy's which a lot of business'es rely on. With out knowing what the cost of the boats, but just from Wrangell to Washington state, you could loose \$25 million, the budget only needs \$12 million. but as i said, i don't know what your "cost" to operate. But as a business owner, loosing or cutting back on the ferry system is like one shooting oneself in the foot. BAD Move
Please restore funding for ferries.

Jerry Larson
C-16 shoemaker
Wrangell, AK 99929

Rep. Dan Ortiz

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Please restore funding for ferries.

david Wieler Wieler
11772 Whipple Spur
Ketchikan, AK 99901

(907) 617-4599

Rep. Dan Ortiz

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Victoria McDonald
6526 Rodgers Pass
Ketchikan, AK 99901

907 254 0914

Rep. Dan Ortiz

I am VERY concerned about cutting the Marine Highway budget for this summer. I understand we need to make cuts but if this summers sailings are changed it will be devastating to our Wrangell economy. Wrangell has a thriving independent visitor industry. We do not have much of a cruise ship visitor industry. Many of our visitors arrive here by ferry. our hotels, B&Bs and tours are now booked with people already booked on this summers sailings. We have very limited access to our town and are past the booking season so rebooking would be impossible at this late date. many visitors to Wrangell come for opportunities like Anan wildlife Observatory which is a lottery drawn permit, they can not reschedule their activities! I would rather see cuts to next seasons sailings than stop currently booked passengers. the trickle down effect would destroy many livelihoods' in this town.

thank you for your careful consideration of this issue

Brenda Schwartz-Yeager

Brenda Schwartz-Yeager

#5 front Steet

Wrangell, AK 99929

907-874-4157

Sen. Mia Costello

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Colin OBrien
5700 Kenai Fjords Loop
Anchorage, AK 99502

Rep. Kurt Olson

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities.

People use the ferry for reliable transportation of themselves and supplies along the route. It is also a fun way to travel for those of us who can't afford the "cruise ships."

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Kathy East
1610 Silver Pines Rd
Kenai, AK 99611

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Sen. Bert Stedman

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Eric Grundberg
PO Box 2193
Petersburg, AK 99833

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Sen. Bert Stedman

Please do not make even deeper cuts to our ferry system. This is truly our highway in southeast Alaska. If these cuts continue you will see a decline in population. People will not be able to afford to live here any longer. Cutting the ferry service even deeper will also damage the school system as kids won't be able to travel to other communities for debate, sports, music, drama. What about Tourism? How will someone get that once in a lifetime experience to see Alaska riding on the ferries, stopping in rural communities, lodging, eating, shopping, giving dollars to local businesses.

I really hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Janet Berlin
Po 1653
Sitka, AK 99835

(907) 747-7831

Sen. Bert Stedman

I've heard that \$12 million for ferries could be cut this week from the state's budget. I'm contacting you to let you know I oppose this cut.

As you know Sitka has poor service as it is. There is a better way than cutting service and that is to use better software to create a schedule that works for more communities. When I moved here in 1979 and for a number of years after that, I was able to use ferries to travel around Southeast. Since sometime in the '80s the schedule has gotten worse and worse. With a schedule that worked, I am sure that ridership throughout the region would increase significantly and we would not have to do this. Cutting service hurts SE and its economy as well as the convenience of travel.

I do understand the need to have many budget cuts this year because of oil revenue, but improving the schedule of the ferry service would be a better economic move. I would use the ferry exclusively with a workable schedule.

I hope that next year we will see an income tax to keep all that money from seasonal workers and folks who live out of state but work here contribute to our needs as well as having Alaskans pay their share according to their income. I know that is not a total fix either. it will take many measures and creativity to get back on track financially.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Marian Allen
617 Katlian, B-12
Sitka, AK 99835

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Sen. Bert Stedman

I've heard that \$12 million for ferries could be cut this week from the state's budget. I'm contacting you to let you know I oppose this cut.

My family and community rely on ferry service and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Lynn Wilbur
617 Katlian Street
Sitka, AK 99835

Sen. Bert Stedman

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Mona Evan
101 Canadian Side
Kake, AK 99830

Sen. Bert Stedman

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities.

Living in Wrangell means that I depend on the ferry system to travel to visit my friends and family and occasionally for my job. Often time flying is much too expensive for us.

Further, the ferries bring in much needed tourists to Wrangell during the summer. We do not get the big Cruise boats that Juneau, and Ketchikan get. But we do get a lot of folks who travel on the Marine Highway during the summer who stop in Wrangell and come visit front street, see our tribal house and dancing.

I think cutting ferries would have a severely negative impact on our already struggling SE communities. Please do not cut the ferry budget!

Hannah Etengoff
PO Box 611
Wrangell, AK 99929

Sen. Bert Stedman

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Angel Wilson
p.o. box 162
kake, AK 99830

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Sen. Bert Stedman

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Donna Demmert
102 mosquito ave
kake , AK 99830

Sen. Bert Stedman

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach to reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

In addition to the impact on our economy, it will affect access to services for me personally as it is very difficult to travel via small plane with my service dog.

Marcia Adams
PO Box 221
Kake, AK 99830

970-370-1795

Sen. Bert Stedman

Dear Senator Sedman,

I met you in Thorne Bay at the Logging Fair many years ago when you were first running for office. I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Daily service with a schedule that works for all the communities and the local families. Our students, families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Vic Merritt
POB 332
Craig, AK 99921

Sen. Bert Stedman

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Arthur Cook
6D Harris River Road West, Hollis
PO Box 230
Klawock, AK 99925

401-0853

Sen. Bert Stedman

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Wanita James
PO box 155
155 Silver Spike Road
Kake, AK 99830

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Marsha Cook
PO Box 532
Kake, AK 99830

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Please restore funding for ferries.
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jan storbakken
p.o.box 275
P.O. Box 275
craig , AK 99921

907-401-0147

Sen. Bert Stedman

We've heard that \$12 million for ferries could be cut this week from the state's budget. We're contacting you to let you know we oppose this cut.

Hoonah relies on ferry service for food, supplies and transportation. We can't imagine the impact it will have if we lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel and bring in groceries and supplies.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Marjorie and Floyd Peterson

Hoonah

Floyd & Marjorie Peterson

P O Box 245

Hoonah, AK 99829

945-3327

Sen. Bert Stedman

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Carolyn Dixon
323 Deermount
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Sen. Bert Stedman

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Marlene Wagner
Box 1346
Petersburg, AK 99833

Sen. Bert Stedman

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Robert Andrews
po box 1072
Craig, AK 99921

(907) 767-5647

Sen. Bert Stedman

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Bonnie Demerjian
PO Box 1762
Wrangell, AK 99929

(907) 874-3665

Sen. Bert Stedman

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Lynette Jackson
488 Raven Dr
kake , AK 99830

907-738-1352

Sen. Bert Stedman

I know you support keeping the ferries. I just hope you can convince your fellow Senators that it's our equivalent to the Glenn or Parks Highway. Would they close those highways an equivalent percent of the time?

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Don Cornelius
PO Box 1727
Petersburg, AK 99833

772-4864

Sen. Bert Stedman

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Please restore funding for ferries.

George Burnstein
PO Box 3161
Sitka, AK 99835

747-4707

Sen. Bert Stedman

The State has been wasting money for years planning unneeded bridges and roads. Now that we've blown our wad, the State wants to keep ferries that are essential for Alaskans and summer visitors for travel. Yes the ferries need subsidies; that's a given. But cut down on the waste in other areas.

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Victoria McDonald
6526 Rodgers Pass
Ketchikan, AK 99901

907 254 0914

Sen. Bert Stedman

Senator Stedman,

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that cuts need to be made but would encourage a more thoughtful and measured approach to find efficiencies and reduce costs to run the ferry system while impacting southeast residents and businesses less severely and abruptly.

The ferry system is the lifeline for Tenakee Springs and other isolated rural communities in Southeast. It provides the only reliable and affordable means to travel to larger "hub" communities for needed services including medical. Some residents also need to travel to Juneau to work. Supplies for our homes, community and local business are brought in on the ferry. We probably made 20 round trip from Juneau to Tenakee last year. We certainly would need to re-evaluate where we live if dependable year-round transportation were not available. Tenakee, like all other small rural communities, is struggling. Drastic and immediate reduction ferry service will be a real blow to everyone who lives, tries to work or run a business there.

Thanks for your support.

Karen Crandall
706 W. Tenakee Ave
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841

586-5913

Sen. Bert Stedman

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Debra Rose
Port Armstrong Hatchery
P.O.Box 8008
Port Alexander, AK 99836

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Charles Bingham
408 Lake St., Apt. No. 1
Sitka, AK 99835

907-738-8875

Sen. Bert Stedman

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

We all know upkeep is expensive, but it is our highway... Have other extensively used highways been considered for closure? Money is tight, it always is-- that's the nature of money. The ferries are VITAL to southeast residents. Please think long and hard on your decisions.

melanie kadske
box 554
kake, AK 99830

Sen. Bert Stedman

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Lori Trout
526 Keku Road
PO Box 293
Kake, AK 99830

409-256-5749

Sen. Bert Stedman

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service. They are also essential for the host of inter-scholastic activities that allow our youth to compete and achieve excellence outside their small communities

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Stephanie Harold

Stephanie Harold
P.O. Box 475
Hoonah, AK 99829

945-3576

Sen. Bert Stedman

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It is a lifeline...We make medical appts. The doctor here wanted my wife to spend 12 weeks downsouth. She was able to do it in Ketchikan and commute to chemo and come home!!!!!!!!!! Please it's quality of life.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Richard Trojan
P.O. Box 275
P.O. Box 275
Craig, AK 99921

907-826-3734

Sen. Bert Stedman

I don't envy you your job making budget cuts.

Please be aware that where I live in Tenakee Springs the twice weekly ferry is our only practical way of getting our fresh food. It is also our "if all else fails" means of getting in or out. In winter this is important.

Thanks
Brooke Elgie
Tenakee Springs

wendy stern
box 36
tenakee springs, AK 99841

Sen. Bert Stedman

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Pauline Lee
417 Sandy Beach road
PO Box 251
Petersburg, AK 99833

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Sen. Bert Stedman

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

michael brower
po box 496
sitka, AK 99835

Sen. Bert Stedman

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gail sterling
23 beach
port protection, AK 99950

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Wylie Allen
POB 8362
Ketchikan, AK 99901

(907) 225-4041

Sen. Bert Stedman

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities.

In addition to being a personal lifeline, the ferry system yield significant tourism for our economies; *many* families opt for this as an alternative to ultra-organized cruises. These ferry-touring people spend longer periods of time in our state, contributing much greater to our cultural and economic value.

I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Holly Owens
PO Box 1212
Wrangell, AK 99929

907-305-0493

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Katrina Jones
980 Stedman St.
Ketchikan , AK 99901

Sen. Bert Stedman

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My family and community rely on ferry service and I can't imagine the impact it could have to lose service even more. If anything, please increase our ferry service, it's our only affordable way to travel in many communities.

Also, a summer reduction in service will greatly impact travelers who planned to use the ferry to visit Southeast Alaska. Many of them may lose their reservations, which might cause them to cancel their vacations. The travelers are the ones who spend real money in the communities, much more than the tourists on the cruise ships and fishing lodges guests.

Our coastal communities supply the state with an economically powerful fishing industry, we need reliable transportation in order to keep our family fishing and other businesses stable.

Please restore funding for ferries.

Charles Bingham
408 Lake St., Apt. No. 1
Sitka, AK 99835

907-738-8875

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Joanne Edenshaw
p.o box 140945
7733 east 4th ave.
Anchorage, AK 99504

907-310-0717

Sen. Bert Stedman

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service.

The ferries allow people to work in Juneau and vacation in rural communities. For us who live in rural communities it provides us with affordable ways to obtain food and merchandise to maintain our homes and rural lifestyles. The ferries are part of our lives and allow us to live in our communities. PLEASE do not take away the ferry service.

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Lena Sorenson
P.O. Box 584
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841

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Sen. Bert Stedman

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Carrie Sykes
P.O. Box 371
Kasaan, AK 99950

(907) 209-0792

Sen. Bert Stedman

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Jill Bohr Jacob
PO Box 1721
Ward Cove, AK 99928

907 247 7172

Sen. Bert Stedman

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

The ferry service is critical for those of us that have to travel to receive medical care. The only flight options for those of us in Kake make it difficult to travel with my service dog who is essential my safety

Marcia Adams
PO Box 221
Kake, AK 99830

970-370-1795

Sen. Bert Stedman

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I grew up in Tenakee and now live in Sitka and rely on the ferry to get me between the two.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Thank you!
Darcie Ziel

Darcie Ziel
613 Merrill St
Sitka, AK 99835

907272-0044

Sen. Bert Stedman

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the
Senate and House,

I can't imagine that you would cut the funding for the other roads in Alaska. The Alaska Marine Highway is very similar to the road system. It is just on the water instead of the land. I take several trips per year and spend money in the communities I visit.

Tourism dollars and Alaska jobs will be lost if you do not fully fund the Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Very Sincerely,
Kenda M. Plate

Kenda Plate
6th and Bayview
Hydaburg, AK 99922

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Sen. Bert Stedman

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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Wilma Leslie
326 First Avenue
Wrangell, AK 99929

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Frank Ora
95 Clover View Ct
Ketchikan, AK.99901, AK 99922

907-821-4060

Sen. Bert Stedman

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget! We use the ferry 4X a year or more to make student travel (athletic events) and other obligations. We need our Marine Highway just as you need your Land Highway, much of the revenue produced is dependent on the Marine Highway as it brings tourists and creates jobs.99901

Frank Ora
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Ketchikan, AK.99901, AK 99922

907-821-4060

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Lynn Wilbur
617 Katlian Street
Sitka, AK 99835

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Please restore funding for ferries.

Angel Wilson
p.o. box 162
kake, AK 99830

9075184249

Sen. Bert Stedman

I understand you have to make tough cuts this year, but please don't let our ferries be one of them. They are too important to our lives and livelihoods on Alaska's coast, and we can't afford to lose their service. Our family uses the ferry to travel to the Sitka Fine Arts Camp and to visit family as we live on Prince of Wales Island and Juneau. Ferries allow us to take our car/RV with us to have transport when we reach our destination. The school children travel by ferry for field trips and sporting events. The state ferries really are our roads!

Please look for ways to make operations more efficient and cost effective before taking away our ferry service. Our families and communities depend on reliable Alaska Marine Highway Service.

Sharon Van Valin
PO Box 1164
P.O. Box 1164
Craig, AK 99921

846-5464

Sen. Bert Stedman

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

peter mooney
1006 broadway
port alexander, AK 99836

568-2266

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Please restore funding for ferries.

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I hope that you can find ways to work with our communities to reduce this budget, I'm sure there are things we can do besides making drastic cuts that will have major impacts to our lives.

I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget!

Arthur Cook
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Klawock, AK 99925

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Sen. Bert Stedman

To Whom it May Concern,

My family is very concerned about the budget cuts being proposed for AMHS. My grandmother, Jeanne Lindley, is a retired AMHS Employee who is strongly against these proposed changes.

Please don't cut our ferry budget - we depend on the Alaska Marine Highway Service for travel. It's a lifeline for our rural, coastal communities. Without the ferry system, inter-Alaskan travel will be monopolized by the already over-priced Alaska Airlines. Travel will be less convenient and cease to exist as an option for many Alaskans.

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I strongly urge you to put funding for our ferries back in the budget! We need our ferries!!

Britany Lindley
209 Grief Street
Wrangell, AK 99929

Sen. Bert Stedman

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jeanne Lindley and I am a retired Alaska Marine Highway System employee. AMHS has always been an Alaskan friendly service. AMHS has been the most utilized resource for inter-Alaskan travel since voters approved \$18 million bond package to AMHS for improvements in 1959.

AMHS has competitive pricing and comfortable accommodations that are preferred by our School districts, our elderly, our families and our visitors. School districts rely on AMHS for academic, athletic and extracurricular travel. The elderly depend on AMHS for medical travel and visiting family. Alaskan families utilize AMHS for the adventurous lure it gives our children, medical travel and family reunions. Visitors utilize AMHS to travel through rural-Alaska, bringing the tourism industry and it's financial benefits to communities that otherwise wouldn't have any tourist activity.

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Jeanne Lindley
209 Greif Street
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At Alaska Waters Inc., we think that the ferry system should be upgraded, old ferries replaced, and a permanent fund established to fund the ferry system into the future. We believe that small communities should be served equally as well as large communities. Small communities cannot grow if Ketchikan and Juneau get all the ferries. There needs to be at least 5 days a week service to all communities. Wrangell's emerging travel industry is shackled and kept from reaching its potential because of the inconsistent ferry service. We lose a lot of business because it's so difficult to get into and out of Wrangell. A link with Petersburg would help. A floating dock system at Banana Point with scheduled bus service would go a long way to making this work better. PSG gets daily ferry service to JNU with the fast ferry, Fairweather. I have lobbied for these things for twenty years. Approached Senator Bert Stedman regarding these opinions. He is a fan. Approached RAC and wrote a proposal twice with no success. Most of the RAC money goes to PSG projects. I met with Peggy Wilson and had lengthy discussions. She was not effective enough to get this done. Our new representative from KTN, Dan Ortiz, has his heart in the right place, but he's a freshman representative so it will take a while for him to get traction in Juneau.

Bottom line is that there aren't enough votes in SE Alaska to carry the water for good, sustainable ferry service. We have not had effective legislators other than Bert to make the case and tip the scales toward our fair share of transportation access. It always comes down to cost per resident which is BS. Ferry service is our highway system and the state won't put the money into SE Alaska to make this viable. In the future we'll get less, not more service. The money to build new ferries is being put on hold. Our fleet is worn out. The prognosis is not good. If this shuttle service, Rainforest something or other, that is supposed to be coming on-line succeeds it will help. I'm not holding my breath on that. I'm quite discouraged after so many years of trying to gain equity for SE Alaska. Now, with the budget shortfall of \$3.5 billion, there is not much hope for an expanded or improved system. They are cutting schedules. Wrangell will not do well in the shakeup. Hopefully the state will not hurt Wrangell's summer schedule too much but I wouldn't hold my breath on that either.

Please restore funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities.

Our communities rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars, for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Jim Leslie

107 Stikine Avenue
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And the economic in pack off of tourism for our cummunitiy's which a lot of business'es rely on. With out knowing what the cost of the boats, but just from Wrangell to Washington state, you could loose \$25 million, the budget only needs \$12 million. but as i said, i don't know what your "cost" to operate. But as a business owner, loosing or cutting back on the ferry system is like one shooting oneself in the foot. BAD Move
Please restore funding for ferries.

Jerry Larson
C-16 shoemaker
Wrangell, AK 99929

Sen. Bert Stedman

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Karin Mccullough
20 Birch Street
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Petersburg, AK 99833

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John Wisenbaugh
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Victoria McDonald
6526 Rodgers Pass
Ketchikan, AK 99901

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Mary Harrop
POB 985
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Sen. Bert Stedman

I am VERY concerned about cutting the Marine Highway budget for this summer. I understand we need to make cuts but if this summers sailings are changed it will be devastating to our Wrangell economy. Wrangell has a thriving independent visitor industry. We do not have much of a cruise ship visitor industry. Many of our visitors arrive here by ferry. our hotels, B&Bs and tours are now booked with people already booked on this summers sailings. We have very limited access to our town and are past the booking season so rebooking would be impossible at this late date. many visitors to Wrangell come for opportunities like Anan wildlife Observatory which is a lottery drawn permit, they can not reschedule their activities! I would rather see cuts to next seasons sailings than stop currently booked passengers. the trickle down effect would destroy many livelihoods' in this town.

thank you for your careful consideration of this issue

Brenda Schwartz-Yeager

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Rep. Bob Lynn

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Ken Zafren
10181 Curvi St.
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Sen. Berta Gardner

Dear Harriet and Berta:

I've had some of the most memorable experiences traveling outside of Anchorage and discovering Alaska by taking the ferry. I support restoring funding for scheduled Alaska Marine Highway Service. I understand that all departments are facing cuts, but these sudden and drastic changes during Alaska's peak travel season will send unnecessary shockwaves through our communities.

Each time I host a visitor from the Lower 48, I look for ways to travel part of the journey via ferry. WHAT a service! It's unique, and convenient.

Our communities also rely on Alaska Marine Highway Service for basic transportation, for bringing in tourism dollars (as mentioned), for small business travel, for visiting family and more. Canceling scheduled runs starting in July could hurt our local economy more than it helps.

I urge the legislature to proceed with a more gradual and planned approach for reducing the AMHS budget, and to find efficiencies that can reduce the impact on our local and state economy.

Claire Pywell
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Anchorage, AK 99503

Rep. Mike Hawker

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Kristian Erickson
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907 348 0049

Sen. Linda Parlette

The Ferry Service as we have it now. It is nearly useless to travel to Juneau or Petersburg from Kake. It would be better to have service every two weeks or once a month and have it be a useable service than to have it piecemeal the way it is now. We need A trip to Juneau that is short with a 2 day layover and a return straight from Juneau. No twenty five hours each way. Petersburg is useless also we need a trip to Petersburg on a Friday night with a return on Sunday night or Monday morning. Time to shop in Petersburg then back home.

Alan Hunter
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Sen. Gary Stevens

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