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To: Rep. Grier Hopkins
Cc: Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Andi Story
Subject: HJR 13 support - SE Conference

Dear Chair Hopkins (and HJR Sponsors):

Thank you for hearing "HJR 13 - URGE EXEMPTION FOR CRUISE SHIPS" in your committee and taking public comment. While the need for the United States Congress to exempt cruise ships from certain provisions of the Passenger Vessel Services Act may seem self-evident, having the Alaska House of Representatives' support will help elevate awareness - and hopefully passage of this critically-needed exemption.

Southeast Conference supports HJR 13 and respectfully asks that passage be swift. We appreciate your long standing support for the State's economy and especially our tourism sector which is reeling from the possibility of 31 months without revenue. These Alaskan businesses are counting on the Legislature for much needed advocacy and relief.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about this or our regional economy in Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

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