

## Michaela Anderson

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**From:** Malena Marvin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 2:07 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Greetings from Petersburg, Senate Transportation Committee Members!

I oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD

Diversity is the spice of life and also makes for a good public board, therefore I am opposed to putting appointments to this board entirely in the purview of one politician. I am in favor of HB 63's provision in which a portion of seats of this Operations Board would be appointed by the legislature.

In addition to ensuring the board is representative of our diverse coastal communities, allowing a portion of seats to come from the legislature buttresses the new board against changes in the political winds as governors come and go. Keeping our eye on the prize and maintaining consistent planning is crucial to a successful next generation of AMHS.

Alaskans are too busy with fishing and camping to spend their time in board meetings flapping their gums just for fun, so I also appreciate how HB 63 directs the DOT Commissioner to incorporate the recommendations of the Operations Board into long term departmental planning. This would further stabilize AMHS and ensure that we won't reverse course with each political appointee. To succeed, the Operations Board must be able to shape long term planning, not just yak about it. Unfortunately, SB 103, the bill under your review, does not require our DOT Commissioner to incorporate the findings and recommendations of the Operations Board.

While I don't agree with how the current Governor has managed AMHS, he has highlighted the unfortunate fact that under current statute, a single politician has the ability to unilaterally "sink the ship" without ever having ridden it. That is not in keeping with the kind of locally-driven policy-making this governor values, and most Alaskans agree should be a hallmark of our society.

I would love to see us work with our DC delegation to invest in an innovative, climate-friendly fleet for the coming half-century. Our old girls did us proud, but I dare to believe that our Blue Canoes 2.0 will do us prouder.

As a small business owner and fishing family in Petersburg, I ask that you do right by our community's kids, sports teams, local businesses, visitors, and people seeking medical care: we need an affordable and dependable marine highway in coastal Alaska. Our community does our part to harvest the waters and keep our waterfront working. We need you to do your part, and help keep our waterfronts connected. Transportation has long been the lynchpin of economic opportunity and trade. Let's put SB 103 out to pasture, work to pass HB 63, and keep it that way around here.

Thanks for your time,

Malena Marvin  
Schoolhouse Fish Co.  
Petersburg, AK

## **Michaela Anderson**

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**From:** Williams Karen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 2:10 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** SB 103

I oppose this piece of legislation.

Karen Williams

Anchorage, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

## **Michaela Anderson**

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**From:** C.Pegau  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 2:11 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* SB 103 and HB 63

Please oppose SB 103. It gives the governor full control of appointments to the Operations Board and does not take DOT recommendations into account. How can you not take transportation recommendations from the Department of Transportation???

Please support the Stutes bill, HB 63, as it does allow for a more equitable appointment of Operations Board seats AND takes DOT recommendations into account. We need people who know what they're doing.

Our ferries must run regularly and properly!

Cathy Pegau  
Cordova

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**From:** Don Sherman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 2:20 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

*Dear Committee Member,*

*I'm writing from (your town) to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.*

*I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS.*

*Thank you,  
Don Sherman*

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**From:** Marilyn Menish Meucci >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Cc:** Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Sen. Bert Stedman  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing from Petersburg to oppose SB 103, AMHS Operation & Planning Board.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have half of the appointments from the legislature, not just the Governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by the Alaska DOT. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS.

Thank you,

Marilyn Menish-Meucci

## **Michaela Anderson**

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**From:** Erin Tilly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:34 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** Ferry board I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

As a longtime Alaskan who has lived in Southeast, I am writing to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I demand a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving. Cutting off communities from transportation is egregious, cruel, and a waste of money. FUND THE FERRIES. Ditch senate bill 103. Pass house bill 63

Erin Tilly

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**From:** Penelope Oswalt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:38 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Penelope Oswalt Stimson, Cordova, Alaska. I'm writing to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,  
Penelope Oswalt Stimson

Sent from my iPhone

## Michaela Anderson

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**From:** CP W  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:00 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Ketchikan to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,  
Catherine Goodwin

Ketchikan Alaska '

Sent from my iPhone



## **Michaela Anderson**

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**From:** Amanda Becker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:00 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing from Kodiak to oppose SM 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I fear that appointments from just one source would lead to the management board falling into the same traps we have seen with the current management system reliant on the political whims of the governor and his budget. A system with no planning, where long term solutions have been ignored for short term bandages, leaving us with an aging fleet and system wide problems. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies going and our communities thriving.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Becker

## Michaela Anderson

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**From:** jessica baker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:18 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Skagway to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,  
Jessie Baker

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Becca Baker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:32 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

To: [stra@akleg.gov](mailto:stra@akleg.gov)  
Subject: I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Skagway, to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving. We desperately need our ferry system.

Thank you,  
Becca Baker

Skagway, AK

**Michaella Anderson**

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**From:** Charleswbingham3  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:36 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Sitka to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I prefer to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I also want to see the board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,

Charles Bingham

**Michaella Anderson**

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**From:** M Miller  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 7:25 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I am a constituent from Kodiak. I am writing in opposition to SB 103 AMHS Operation and Planning Board. SB 103 does not meet Alaska's need for representative and meaningful leadership of the AMHS.

The legislature needs to have a say in appointees to the new Operations Board. Governor Dunleavy has repeatedly shown his disregard for the AMHS by cutting funding and services despite the essential role AMHS plays in our coastal communities. I do not trust the governor to adequately represent the interests of coastal Alaska in his selections for the new operations board.

Additionally, SB 103 fails to define how the Board's planing will be enacted. I believe it is important that the Board's recommendations be implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for in HB 63.

Thank you,

M.C. Miller

## Michaela Anderson

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**From:** Madeline Brainard  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 8:50 AM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

*Dear Committee Member,*

*My hometown is Wrangell, Alaska and I'm writing to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.*

*I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving. Please keep the Ferries on the Marine Highway alive for all citizens who need it for their medical trips, for their businesses, for their shopping needs in other locations and for travelers to visit their hometowns and families.*

*Thank you,*

*Madeline Brainard*

## **Michaela Anderson**

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**From:** Jonathan Wood  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I Oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing from Juneau to strongly oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I think it is vital that the legislature, NOT just the governor, has a role in appointment to the AMHS Operations Board. A fully-funded AMHS is vital to the many Alaskan communities who depend on it. A board consisting of only governor-picked appointees represents a transparent effort to sink the ship.

Thank You,

Jonathan Wood

**Michaella Anderson**

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**From:** Barbara Erickson  
**Sent:** Friday, April 2, 2021 10:44 AM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing on behalf of Petersburg, Alaska citizens and Tribal members  
To oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the  
Legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's  
recommendations  
Implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for  
Representation and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and  
expanded  
AMHS to keep our economies and peoples moving.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Erickson,  
President A.N.S. Camp 16  
Petersburg, Alaska

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



## Michaella Anderson

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**From:** rob berney  
**Sent:** Friday, April 2, 2021 8:13 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Thorne Bay AK to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,  
Robert Berney

Sent from my iPhone

## **Michaella Anderson**

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**From:** Bill Glude  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** In opposition to SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing from Skagway, where we have been lucky this winter if the one ill-maintained ferry we are supposed to get every week is actually running. Our tourism is dying, and we are doing all we can to attract vaccinated independent travelers this year, but the ferry system, which we should be expanding and promoting this year to keep our economies from crashing, is dying of neglect, leaving us with no alternative to even more costly air travel to get visitors here.

Because of this, I am strongly opposing SB 103, AMHS Operation and Planning Board.

The AMHS Operations Board needs appointees from the Legislature, not just the Governor. Time and time again, Governors have politicized what should be a basic government function, to the detriment of the service. The board's recommendations should also be binding on DOT, as is called for in HB 63.

SB 103 is the wrong approach. We need representative leadership for AMHS, and it needs stability, customer and staff representation, and long-range planning.

Please fully fund and expand our ferry system; Coastal Alaska is in dual crisis from the combined effects of the pandemic and the dying ferry system. Reviving the ferry system could be a key to reviving our economies, if we would have the courage to act that the founders of the system did in the 1960s, when we were a much poorer state than we are now.

Thank you  
Bill Glude

Juneau, AK

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**From:** CP W <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:42 AM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Ketchikan to OPPOSE SB 103.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,  
Catherine Goodwin

Ketchikan Alaska, 99901

## Michaela Anderson

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**From:** Meredith R. Pochardt -  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:29 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Haines to OPPOSE SB 103.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,

Meredith Pochardt

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**From:** Gail  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:53 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

A new AMHS Operations Board needs to have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor, for a more balanced viewpoint. Secondly, the Board's recommendations should be implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,  
Gail Davidson  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Peace to All.

## Michaela Anderson

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**From:** Anne Herschleb <[aherschleb@alaska.gov](mailto:aherschleb@alaska.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:28 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I oppose SB103 AMHS, Operation & Planning Board. My family is a commercial fishing family, living in Anchorage and Cordova. We have seen firsthand the damage that the Dunleavy administration has done to the AMHS.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board with appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. Legislators from the affected areas understand much more clearly the impacts of a well-run or poorly run AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Herschleb

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**From:** Joey Tillson >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:08 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** BIG FAT NO ON SB103

The last thing we need is SB103

This current governor is bound and determined to mutilate the Alaska Marine highway and destroy the only access road the coastal communities have to any kind of services for supplies, food, and critical healthcare during times of horrific weather. Any major decisions needs to be taken out of the hands of this governor or any of his lackeys that he puts in charge to make decisions. he lied to the Alaskans. He is bound and determined to destroy rural Alaska. He is trying to utilize whatever necessary means he can which is detrimental to the needs of our real communities. Does anybody remember the fact that he was trying to make revenue off of our pioneers of Alaska? I ask you to please scrap, erase, omit and do whatever is necessary to oppose SB103. The coastal communities of all Alaskans does not need any decision making by this governor or his ideas to continue to butcher our marine highway. What we really need is to recall this governor, and I can't say this fast enough... Yesterday.

Joey Tillson  
Concerned Alaskan  
AMHS Supporter  
Coastal Community Member  
Lifelong Alaskan  
Mother  
Proud Union Member  
Ketchikan Alaska

Save our State!

## Michaela Anderson

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**From:** Debbie Hemenway <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:55 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Gustavus to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,  
Debbie Hemenway

Gustavus, Ak



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**From:** Larry Platt <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:59 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Gustavus Alaska to OPPOSE SB 103.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,

Larry Platt

Gustavus resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**Michaella Anderson**

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**From:** Jonathan Wood <  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:30 AM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I Strongly Oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Juneau (Douglas, actually) to strongly OPPOSE SB 103.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. Having only appointments from the governor ends up in a board that is extremely partisan and politicized.

I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63.

SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,

Jonathan Wood

## **Michaela Anderson**

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**From:** Brian <  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:03 AM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** SB 103, and HB 63

Dear committee Member

I am writing from Juneau Alaska. I do SUPPORT HB 63 The Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the Govenor! I would also like to see the Boards recommendations being implemented by the Alaska DOT, as called for By 63.

I Do Not Support SB 103 this does not meet our needs for representative, and meaningful leadership for AMHS.

I SUPPORT A FULLY FUNDED AND EXPANDED AMHS, to keep our economies moving.

Thank You  
Brian McCarthy

Sent from my iPad

**Michaela Anderson**

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**From:** jaympearson  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:34 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** Opposing SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Homer to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Please do the tight thing to save AMHS and adopt HB 63 and negate SB 103

Thank you,  
James Pearson

**Michaela Anderson**

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**From:** Jai Crapella <  
**Sent:** Friday, April 9, 2021 7:34 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Gustavus to OPPOSE SB 103.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor.

I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63.

SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving, to keep our communities healthy and strong.

Thank you,  
Jai Joanne Crapella

Gustavus, AK

## Michaela Anderson

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**From:** Margie Thynes <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:28 PM  
**To:** Senate Transportation Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose SB 103

Dear Committee Member,

I'm writing from Ketchikan to oppose SB 103, AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD.

I would like to see a new AMHS Operations Board have appointments from the legislature, not just the governor. I would also like to see this Board's recommendations implemented by Alaska DOT, as called for by HB 63. SB 103 does not meet our needs for representative and meaningful leadership for AMHS. I support a fully funded and expanded AMHS to keep our economies moving.

Thank you,  
Margie Thynes  
Ketchikan, Ak

Sent from my iPad