



February 17, 2022

Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

To the Alaska State Legislature

Premier Alaska Tours asks for your support of the Alaska Railroad's request to receive legislative authority to bond for \$60 million as they work to replace the passenger cruise dock in Seward.

Alaska needs safe and reliable port facilities in order to maximize any efforts at building economic diversity and stability. The existing passenger dock in Seward was constructed in 1966 and has surpassed the intended lifespan of this facility. A new port in Seward must be built with an eye towards the future of increased passenger traffic, larger cruise ships, and more arrivals throughout the calendar year.

With over 60% of our annual revenues coming directly from the cruise industry, Premier Alaska Tours is dependent on infrastructure that promotes this important segment of our economy. With this bonding proposal, it is important to note that this project will not be paid for by the state of Alaska or our residents, but instead the bonds will be paid by users of the facility and the cruise customers that are served.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 907-279-0001.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JH", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Josh Howes
President